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Eanes to dissolve Lisbon parliament

LISBON, Jan. 24 (AP) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes will dissolve parliament and call early general elections after the government of outgoing Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão has taken "urgent" measures to aid the national economy.

Announcing his decision over a month after Pinto Balsemão's resignation, Eanes said in a nationwide address he would grant the three-party coalition government "the necessary time" to take the unspecified measures before dissolving the 250-member chamber.

Under Portuguese law, elections must be held between 60 and 90 days after a presidential decree is signed ending the legislature.

Explaining his decision, Eanes bypassed political infighting within the coalition and refused to lay blame for the impasse set off by Pinto Balsemão's resignation.

"We need to create conditions that will permit development of prestigious political power with stability and social acceptance leading to policies of economic recovery,"

Causes no damage Cosmos splashes into Indian Ocean

CANBERRA, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Fragments of the disintegrated radioactive Soviet spy satellite Cosmos 1402 splashed down harmlessly in the Indian Ocean Monday. Australia's National Disasters Organization announced here.

An organization spokesman said that pieces of the main section of the errant satellite landed at 2230 GMT Sunday, nine minutes after entering the earth's atmosphere.

They hit the water about halfway between Africa and Australia some 1,600 kilometers south of the island of the Diego Garcia, where the United States has an air and naval base, the spokesman said.

The chunk of satellite, deactivated by Soviet scientists on Dec. 28 after it went out of control, was believed to have lost its radioactivity before its fiery entry into the atmosphere, the spokesman said.

The U.S. Defense Department in Washington reported that the main section of Cosmos 1402 reentered the atmosphere at 2221 GMT. None of the debris hit land, the Pentagon said.

Richard Wagner, a Pentagon expert, said it was "awfully hard to know" if the pieces burned up completely before entering the atmosphere.

A Defense Department spokesman, Col. Robert O'Brien, said observers on Diego Garcia had seen a flash of light about six minutes before the satellite entered the dense layers of the atmosphere. If fragments did indeed enter the ocean, officials said, they would be spread over an area of 600 by 160 kilometers.

The particles' radioactivity, though strong enough to burn anyone who touched them, should dissipate, they added. It will not affect marine fauna. However, officials said, the U.S. Navy has ships equipped with radioactivity detectors in the region as a precaution.

The ships will not, however, try to recover the fragments, as the United States did exactly five years ago, when Cosmos 954 scattered radioactivity particles around parts of northern Canada.

In Jakarta, Indonesia's National Aeronautics and Space Institute (LAPAN) confirmed the splashdown and said it was continuing to monitor the aftermath of the Cosmos landing.

In Moscow, Tass news agency reported reentry into the dense atmospheric layers at 2215 GMT. It said the debris had "ceased to exist."

Launched last August 30, Cosmos 1402 stopped functioning after failure of a maneuver to send the nuclear reactor into a much higher orbit where it would have stayed with its radioactivity load for more than 500 years.

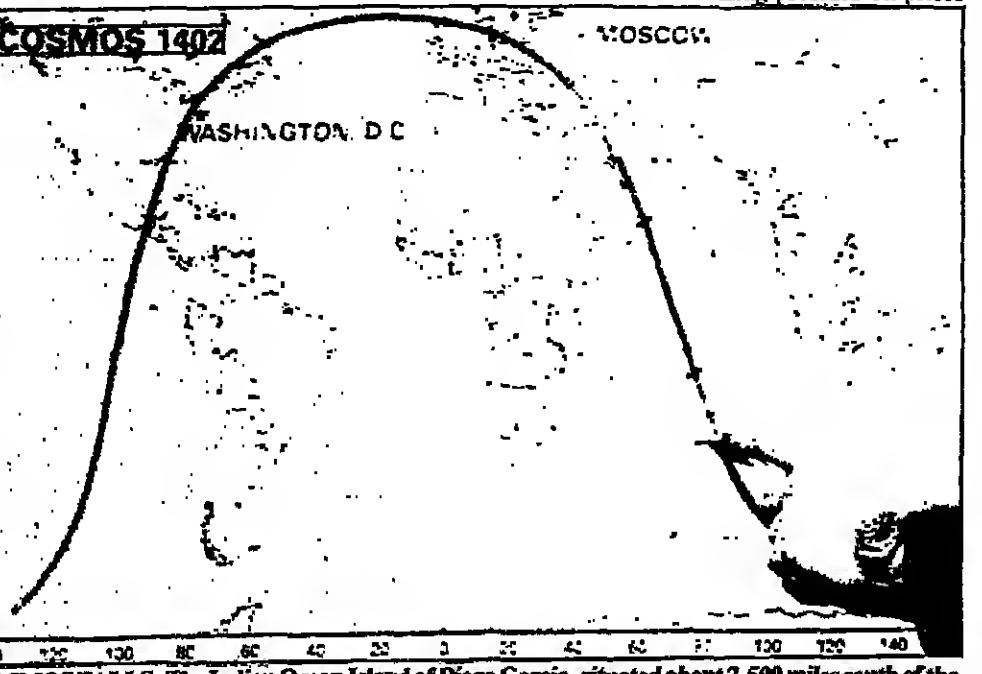
The reactor supplied electricity for radar used to track movements of U.S. and North

Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) warships.

Since the failed maneuver, the satellite had been losing altitude. Soviet scientists said that one to three pieces of it burned up Dec. 30.

Moscow had said the largest section would reenter the atmosphere between 2300 GMT Sunday and 0600 GMT Monday over the Gulf of Oman, an arm of the Arabian Sea.

Because of uncertainty over the splashdown site, Washington placed a unit from the Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST) on alert at Las Vegas.



COSMOS FALLS: The Indian Ocean Island of Diego Garcia, situated about 2,500 miles south of the Indian subcontinent (finger is pointing to the spot) is the nearest land area to the predicted point of impact of the Soviet Cosmos 1402 Satellite, Pentagon officials said Monday.

N-reactor to fall next month

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Hours after the largest fragment of Cosmos 1402 returned to earth experts again looked skyward Monday for the rest of the Soviet spy satellite — which is due to crash in mid-February.

The next biggest fragment may pose a serious threat, some experts say, even though it is four times smaller than the piece that has crashed and which had been estimated at between two and three tons.

The next piece contains Cosmos 1402's power source, the nuclear reactor that contains 49 kilograms of uranium-235 and undisclosed quantities of other radioactive elements, including iodine-131, strontium-90 and cesium-137.

The Soviet Union has said the power pack does not pose a threat, because most of it will burn in the earth's atmosphere. But some

OPEC parleys collapse Split over critical issues

GENEVA, Jan. 24 (AP) — OPEC oil ministers ended an emergency meeting Monday, failing to agree on any of the critical pricing issues besetting the organization, leading delegates said.

"It's a complete failure," said Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani. "We couldn't agree on anything at all," said Mana Said Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates. "Everyone does what they want." The Qatar delegate, Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa Al Thani also said the emergency meeting of the 132-oil-producing Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended inconclusively.

Yamani told a press conference there would now be increasing pressure on prices

charged by OPEC and non-OPEC exporters alike.

He said: "Maybe there will be a little cut in the price of our (Saudi) oil with the others agreeing on it. But we do not want a price war because this is harmful."

He predicted North Sea oil prices, charged by Britain and Norway, would be cut by at least \$2 to \$3 a barrel in the next few days, putting further pressure on OPEC. "This is the beginning of the actions," he said.

Yamani said Saudi Arabia would, however, take action to prevent a collapse of world oil price. "We fought the increases in the price of oil and we will fight the collapse."

He said cut in oil prices could stimulate demand for OPEC oil, but would also put some high-cost fields in the North Sea and elsewhere out of production and bankrupt small oil companies, especially in the United States.

The meeting — which one minister characterized as "the most important we've ever had" — was convened to seek a compromise on OPEC's production levels in an attempt to support crude oil prices. The prevailing OPEC base price is \$34 a barrel.

The organization's failed meeting leaves open the possibility that Gulf producers would carry out previously stated threats to

cut their oil prices unilaterally.

That could, in turn, prompt a downward spiral of oil prices throughout the world. Mexico and some other non-OPEC oil-producing countries are fearful of a price-cutting trend, which could force them to default on their huge foreign debt and possibly undermine the international financial system.

Asked whether he thought that the Saudi Arabia would cut their price, Humberto Calderon Berti of Venezuela told reporters, "You'll have to ask Sheikh Yamani." Yamani made no public statements about prices.

Ministers gave conflicting accounts whether they agreed to trim the official OPEC production ceiling, now set at 18.5 million barrels a day. Calderon Berti said consensus was reached to hold daily production to about 17.5 million barrels — which is about the OPEC's present level of output. Mallam Yahya Dikko, the Nigerian oil minister and OPEC president, told reporters, "I think they all agreed" on the production ceiling. He would not elaborate, however. The more important issue of sharing production within that ceiling was not resolved.

Algeria's Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi said that "most member countries agreed on a global production level" for 1983. He said ten out of the 13 OPEC countries accepted a proposed set of national production quotas.

Pound sinks to record low

LONDON, Jan. 24 (R) — The dollar soared on foreign exchanges today, pushing the pound sterling to an all-time low, because of a belief that U.S. interest rates would not be falling in the near future, dealers said.

On the London exchange, sterling opened at 1.5535 dollars, below Friday's close of 1.5665 and under the previous record low of 1.5550 dollars set in October, 1976.

In early trading the British currency fell further, and was quoted at 1.5470 dollars about half an hour after the opening. Sterling held steady against other major currencies, with the Bank of England trade-weighted index rising to 83 at the opening from 82.8 at Friday's close.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened at a two-month high of 2.4765 West German marks, though it eased in early trading to around 2.4735.

On the Tokyo exchange, the dollar rose to a one-month high of 241.50 yen, to close strongly at 241.30 — a rise of three yen over the day.

Dealers said a larger-than-expected rise of \$6.9 billion in the U.S. money supply M-1 had fuelled a belief that the Federal Reserve Board was unlikely to ease monetary policy by reducing interest rates soon.

The sentiment was strengthened by comments from board chairman Paul Volcker last week that the Fed was unlikely to let up on monetary policy much further for the moment.

Some dealers, however, did not rule out a

half-point cut in the U.S. discount rate, which currently stands at 8.5 percent.

Sterling's steadiness against major currencies apart from the dollar was aided by reports that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had reached agreement on oil production quotas, dealers said.

The British pound has dropped more than 12 percent in value in the last two months, and Labour opposition shadow Chancellor Peter Shore said at the weekend that it was still artificially high.

Lebanon rejects Israeli demands

KHALDE, Jan. 24 (AP) — Lebanon Monday rejected again Israel's demands for early warning stations and normalized relations, proposing instead a "framework for a protocol accord regulating ties" between the two nations, a Lebanese spokesman announced.

Spokesman Daoud Sayegh told reporter that Chief Lebanese delegate Antoine Fattal made this position clear at the ninth session of withdrawal talks held under U.S. auspices here despite a rocket attack on a nearby Israeli army checkpoint.

A joint communiqué issued after the end of the full committee's three-hour talks said more sub-committees were set up and had started deliberations on various items of the negotiating agenda.

"The newly formed subcommittees met (Monday) for the first time and started their work. The next meeting of the subcommittees will take place Tuesday or Wednesday Jan. 25 or Jan. 26 in Israel," said the joint communiqué which was read out to reporters.

Israel will remain firm in its demand to maintain a military presence in Lebanon, Premier Menahem Begin told parliament's foreign relations and defense committee Monday. He said that the posts were "vital for Israel's security and for the struggle against terrorism," Israeli radio reported.

Nakasone pledges open-door policy

TOKYO, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone pledged Monday to reject isolationism and protectionism and turn Japan more toward the outside world.

In a general political address at the opening of the 98th session of Japan's parliament, the Diet, in the presence of Emperor Hirohito Nakasone said Japan was at "turning point" in its post-war history.

He said that with the present world economic recession there was a risk that Japan "might become isolated from the world if we make mistakes in dealing with the situation."

In a reference to criticism of Japan's trading relations with other countries, Nakasone said "protectionism could lead the world back to the tragic 1930's", and that faced with the present world "turmoil" Japan must review its "basic institutions and arrangements with a fresh mind" and hold nothing as "taboo."

The prime minister said that to forestall eventual protectionist measures by other countries against Japan, the country must "stress the maintenance and strengthening of trade" and take further initiatives to open up to the world.

He said there was further room for improvement in this area but noted recent measures taken by the Japanese to allow foreign goods easier access to the Japanese market.

Nakasone promised that Japan would be an active partner in efforts to balance the world economy and find a solution to the serious problem of countries being swamped in debt.

Turning to foreign policy, Nakasone said

that Japan's relations with the United States were the "cornerstone of Japan's foreign policy" and "indispensable for achieving peace in Asia and throughout the world."

Nakasone said his recent visit to Washington helped cement these ties.

He said he hoped soon to visit countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and also to strengthen ties with China. As for the Soviet Union, Nakasone said Japan would continue talks with the new Soviet leadership.

Quake rocks Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24 (AP) — A powerful earthquake hit the southern Pacific coast of Mexico early Monday and shook the capital city nearly 643 kilometers away. U.S. scientists and Mexican officials said. There were no immediate reports of casualties or serious damage.

The quake registered 6.6 on the Richter scale and was centered near the coast in Oaxaca province, about 611 kilometers southeast of Mexico City, according to Don Finley, spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado.

The earthquake was recorded on seismographs at Golden at 2:18 a.m. Mexico City time (0918 GMT), Finley said.

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Saudi-U.S. relations promoted

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer has held a meeting here with a visiting American business group headed by the former United States ambassador to the Kingdom John West.

During the meeting the second stage of the Kingdom's petrochemicals production development, manpower training and computer usage in education and planning in various projects were discussed. The delegation then met Dr. Farouk Akhdar of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu.

Speaking at a press conference Monday, former U.S. Ambassador Robert Newman said that the members of the American-Saudi Business Roundtable, had discussed with the American businessmen here the failure of the U.S. government to support American businessmen and laws such as the Malpractice Act and other pieces of legislation which has lobbying by business interests.

The round table, Newman said, will be setting up a task force to identify the dimensions of the problem and lay out solutions before the members. They will then decide what form of action should be taken and



Hisham Nazer

whether a congressional act or an executive action is necessary.

Newman said the round table can play useful role in cementing business ties with the Kingdom. It is willing to coordinate its activities with a similar organization if one is set up in the Kingdom.

"We will do all we can to contribute to the size and effectiveness of that participation," he added.

John Rogers, counsel for the round table, said the organization has been active in getting press and TV exposure for Saudi Arabian businessmen and other prominent figures visiting the United States so that their point of view is effectively put across.

Supporting the point, Newman said "there is a better awareness of the Middle East problem in the U.S. today than before."



FAREWELL: Jeddah Sheraton General Manager Bernd Locke, left, presents the 1982 Divisional President's Award to Vabe Kerametian, director of sales, at a farewell function arranged here.

Sheraton receives two major awards

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — Two major awards were presented to Jeddah Sheraton Director of Sales Vabe Kerametian, the 1982 Divisional President's Award and a Certificate in Recognition of Marketing Excellence during the Second Joint Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations Conference held in Stockholm, according to Jeddah Sheraton General Manager Bernd F. Locke.

He told *Arab News*, Sheraton's Europe, Africa, Middle East and India (EMEII) Divisional President John Kapioltas, while

revealing the future program, informed the conference that a large expansion of hotels in the division is being planned by the Sheraton Management Corporation.

By 1986 the corporation plans to raise the number of its hotels in all countries to reach 600 from 442 at present, of which EAMEI division will have the largest expansion from 44 at present to touch 111 by that time.

The Jeddah Sheraton's management organized a farewell function on Saturday to honor Kerametian, who left the Jeddah Sheraton to begin a new assignment as director of sales at Le Center Sheraton, Montreal, Canada.

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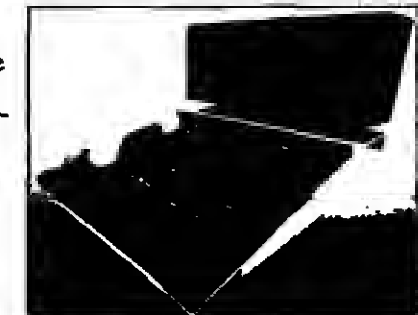
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British globe-trotter drives alone from London

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — Loodoo to Jeddah by car is a Herculean task which even the most adventurous drivers will not dare to attempt, but a wholly disabled British national has performed the enviable feat alone with the sole aim of "seeing and seeking the world."

Geoffrey Smith, 40 who has the Muslim name Caffar Yesil, having become a Muslim in Turkey in the course of his long drive in a special hand-controlled Renault 4F6, drove to the *Arab News* offices and indicated he is now simultaneously translating what he is seeing and seeking into cassette tapes for three books he is working on.

The books will take shape at the end of his current world tour, on which he set out from London on August 8, 1982, are "A Wheel Chair Guide to the World," "So You Want to Leave the Rat Race," and an autobiography. Smith said the proceeds from the books will be donated to the hospital in England where he spent two years after being disabled 17 years ago in a road accident.

Parking his car beside the *Arab News* offices, Smith pulled out his wheel chair and sat in it all by himself. He was lifted with the chair into the office's reception area.

"Jeddah is simply a paradise, something I had not seen anywhere through my drive of 45 countries," Smith said. The not-at-all pathetic-looking Smith is completely disabled from the chest downward.

In July 1982 the company where Smith worked for seven years closed its electrical department and he found himself jobless. So, he began traveling a lot.

"I'll continue to travel all over the world alone, to go to every place of interest, see all the beautiful things and meet the people," Smith said. He keeps a daily recording in cassettes of information that he wants to incorporate in his books.

"I do about 10 hours of recording every day," he said. "I am also writing as well. By the end of the year, all three books will be ready."

Smith said he would like to live in the Kingdom for a month during which he would like to perform the 'umra and touch the Kaaba in Makkah and meet King Fahd and the princes. Then he hopes to return to England through west and north Africa.

Smith said he became a Muslim voluntarily at Bursa in Turkey during his 16-day stay. "I saw so much of Ottomans — Muslims who



DISABLED, YET ADVENTUROUS: Geoffrey Smith, 40-year-old British-turned-Muslim, who is disabled from chest to toe, in his special "Renault" car on his arrival in Jeddah from London in the course of his world drive.

took over Turkey in 1205 — that I felt like becoming one myself. I had studied the Quran in school.

Smith cooks his food in the car which is equipped with three gas stoves and grocery items. He has had sponsors in various countries along the way but said some of his immediate needs are new tires for his wheel chair and someplace to sleep in his sleeping bag every night.

Smith was interested in traveling before his disability and did not let the aftermath of his accident slow him down. He traveled extensively by conventional means but encountered some problems.

"I went on a holiday to Belgium and had problems with the hotels since one of them had doors high enough for my wheel chair," he said. "I traveled through Europe, part of the Arab world, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India and returned."

With his savings, Smith bought a special Landrover car with beds so that he could travel abroad without having to stay in hotels.

The globe-trotter that he has been despite his disability, Smith undertook another tour of Europe in 1970-71. In 1974-75, he drove

with a friend, G. Orchard, to Camerouns across the Sahara in eight months.

"My friend did not know how to drive a car. So, I had to do all the driving. That gave me all the courage to set out alone."

Smith returned to England, sold his house at Oakley in Buckinghamshire and began living in a house, just three blocks from the Linslade farm where the booty stolen in the "great train robbery" was hidden. The train was robbed at the Sears crossing in Buckinghamshire. He sold that house as well, since it was too big for him.

He then moved to a small house in Loog-crendon Village in Buckinghamshire and took up an electrical engineering job with the Klargester Sewage Treatment Plant in Aylesburg.

Smith became disabled in 1965 when he was hit by a taxi while seated in the rear of a hired car near the Marble Arch, in London. He was unconscious and lost his memory due to skull fractures.

Smith was then 23 years-old and had just returned on a vacation from Kuwait where he had a plumbing job. The car driver and a passenger seated in front escaped from the accident unhurt.

Indonesian labor official begins visit

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — Indonesian Minister of Labor and Transmigration Dr. Harun Al-Rasyid Zain held a meeting with Ambassador Rtd. Lt. Gen. Achmad Tirtowidoro and his staff at the Indonesian Embassy here Sunday night.

The minister arrived earlier in the day with his wife, daughter and two staff members from Tokyo after attending the regional labor conference for the Asian Pacific and the Middle East held here, according to Rtd. Gen. Jacob, the Indonesian Embassy's second counselor. The Kingdom's delegation also attended the Tokyo conference.

Jacob told *Arab News* that the minister and Indonesian labor suppliers and businessmen Monday before leaving for Riyadh to meet the minister is scheduled to call on King Fahd, Prince Naif and PFI Minister Alawi Darwish Kayyal during his visit to the capital before returning here Tuesday. The minister and his entourage return to Jakarta Thursday.

Welfare Society product bazaar slated Feb. 2

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — The Women's Welfare Society will exhibit products like food and cloth, and sample products of Arab countries during a two-day annual bazaar to be held Feb. 2 and 3 at Kilo 3, Makkah Road. The bazaar will be open from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for men on the first day and from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. for women on both the days.

Embassies will participate with their products as well, a society spokeswoman told *Arab News*.

The society is an "unofficial" organization conducting many activities like running three evening classes to combat illiteracy among women. Revenues from such events are utilized for supporting the society's activities, she said.

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Westinghouse explores new business activities

By Devasis Kishor
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 24 — Westinghouse, which has participated in the Kingdom's development through major projects, product exports, in-country manufacturing and industrial services, is exploring new business activities in line with the emphasis in the Third Five-Year Development Plan.



Gordon C. Hurlbert

apart from adding new products such as fabrication of dry-type transformers and switchgear, to its product range in the Kingdom. Gordon C. Hurlbert, president, Power Systems Company, Westinghouse Electric Corporation of U.S.A., told *Arab News* that his first visit to the Kingdom is part of his Middle East, Asia and Far East tour of Westinghouse facilities and joint ventures. He stressed the importance of technical and management training as well as transfer of technology. "We are the largest suppliers of nuclear power plants for commercial use and have

transferred this technology to French, Japanese and Korean companies," Hurlbert said.

He felt solar cell, windmill and fuel cell technology in which Westinghouse has done extensive research may have special applications in the remote parts of the Kingdom. Westinghouse has installed many people movers or automated street cars in the United States with 100 percent reliability and these can be introduced in areas like airports for easy movement of people, he suggested. Coming together of Gulf countries in the form of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the continuous growth in the Kingdom, he said, offers long term business opportunities to high technology companies like Westinghouse. "We have a long term presence or commitment to the Kingdom," he added.

With so many new high technology industries coming on stream in the next couple of years in Jubail and Yanbu, there is a great need for specialized training of Saudi Arabian nationals to operate and maintain these facilities, according to Thomas E. Mislter, president, Westinghouse Saudi Arabia Ltd. "This is an area where we expect to grow with the demand."

Already Industry Services Company of Saudi Arabia (ISCOSA), a joint venture between Westinghouse and Abbar and Zainy Ltd., has trained about 1,200 Saudi Arabians in electric utility facilities and in the operation and maintenance of oil field equipment.

Every year 8 to 12 senior students in the electrical and mechanical engineering department from the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) are being sent to various facilities of Westinghouse in U.S.A. for on-the-job training since 1978. Under a career fellowship program which began in 1979, two Saudi Arabian graduate engineers earn their masters' degrees in the United States, followed by six-month career training in Westinghouse plants.

Red Crescent manpower reinforced

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — The staff of the Red Crescent Society here has been reinforced. *Al-Madina* reported. A society spokesman said that the Red Crescent branches in Thol, Rabegh, Mastura, Yanbu, Wajh, Anlaf, Qunfuzah and Layth recruited more first aid personnel, technicians and others.

The spokesman, Ali Mubarak Al-Awfi, assistant director of the Red Crescent here, said that measures will be taken to overcome the problem of delays to reach the site of

accidents. He added that rescue workers were late on the scene because of traffic jams, the long distance separating the centers from the accident place, the lack of adequate equipment and other factors.

"But now, the problem will end soon after the necessary advanced equipment has been secured," Awfi said. He added that ambulance services now cover the area from here to Al-Qunfuzah, and from Madinah Road to Al-Wajh.

American, British tax experts expected

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — Three income tax experts will soon arrive in Saudi Arabia to provide American and British nationals with information about their 1982 tax liabilities.

United States Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Assistance Representative, Jo Berg will arrive in Jeddah Jan. 29 and will provide taxpayer assistance service in the area from Jan. 29 through 31.

Berg will present a public taxpayer assistance seminar in the gymnasium of the Dhahran Academy, located on the grounds of the American Consulate General, beginning at 1 p.m. Jan. 29.

Seating at this seminar will be on a first-come, first-served basis. He will also be

available for individual consultation the morning of Jan. 29 and all day Jan. 30 and 31. Taxpayers desiring individual consultation may call the American Consulate General to arrange an appointment.

Two top British tax consultants are also scheduled to arrive here Jan. 28 to provide on-the-spot advice in special tax forums to be held here, in Riyadh and Alkhobar.

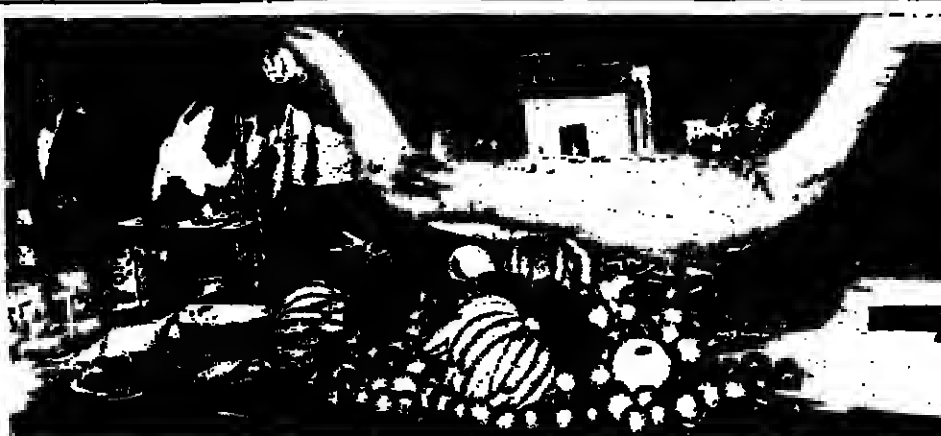
The consultants — Howard Lowe and Stephen Wetherill — will stay at the Jeddah Sheraton, move on Feb. 4 to Riyadh, staying at the Riyadh Intercontinental, and close their tour in Alkhobar where they will stay at the Alghosbi Metropolitan from Feb. 11 to 18.

Expansion planned to supply power for new areas

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — The Western Province Electricity Company is preparing plans for gradual expansion in supply power for newly established areas in Jeddah, according to its Director Dr. Talal Bakar, *Al-Bilad* reported.

Bakar said that the electricity network can not be expanded in a thoughtless manner but

rather in a gradual organized manner to meet the continuous requirements of the town. "We have extended our services to all inhabited areas of the town despite the great expansion taking place," he said. "We are coping with this expansion in a systematic and gradual manner."



(Photo by Giovanni Pansola)

SPECIAL DISPLAY: This Italian gondola was especially prepared by the chef at the Red Sea Palace Hotel in Jeddah for an Italian week during which a large variety of Italian specialties will be featured.

Italian food week commences, 500 pass by, taste minestrone soup

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — "Italian Food Week," began at Red Sea Palace Hotel Al Bouhaira Restaurant here on Sunday and will continue through Jan. 30. Hotel Sales Manager Bo Georg Modin said, the Red Sea Palace organized an Italian food week in May 1982 and the event was very successful.

He told *Arab News*, the hotel organized a free taste of the typical Italian "minestrone" soup outside the Al-Faisalia Shopping Center on Saturday and nearly 500 visitors had a preview taste of Italian food week.

"The hotel is planning to have from 10 to 11 food weeks during the current year in addition to lots of other customer interest events," Modin said. It plans a Swiss Week next month, Asparagus Week in March and Seafood Week in April.

As part of the Italian week, guests are welcomed with free Italian ice cream in the lobby and Italy's map made up of green chillies and

oranges, attracts the attention of guests at the restaurant's entrance. A decoration in the restaurant displays "Gondola" boats, used in Venice, but the display is specially made of sugar by the hotel's Swiss-Italian chef.

Special main course, dishes include veal leg prepared in brown gravy served with polenta, quail served with polenta and buttered broccini, chicken breast topped with truffle sauce and served with potatoes and buttered broccoli, tender scallop of veal accompanied by Italian risotto, scallop of veal with beef ham and sage served with spaghetti, porterhouse steak and beef tenderloin topped with goose liver and surrounded by a fresh truffle sauce. All these are followed by varieties of Italian desserts selected for the food week.

During the week, Italian recipes offered will include fish salad with mussels and shrimp, mushroom salad with quail, sliced roast veal with tuna fish sauce and an Italian cold platter with cold appetizers.

Vocational organization adds three new training centers

RIYADH, Jan. 24 — A number of intensive training programs have been started by the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training conducted in cooperation with national companies and plants according to *Okaz*.

A spokesman for the organization said that three new training centers have been established in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam. He added that the centers will cover all Saudi Arabian provinces and cities to the benefit of all national firms and factories. They will greatly contribute toward the urbanization boom, bring about more technological progress and provide skilled Saudi Arabian manpower.

The organization already began implementing its plan to train workers and employees of national companies at home and abroad. The organization itself sustains all financial expenses, including air tickets, salaries and per diem, related to the scholarship missions, as an incentive to national firms to develop their manpower capacity.

Execution of the plan prepared by the organization and approved by the Council of Ministers has already begun.

"No other country has ever provided so much advantages and financial privileges for manpower training," the organization's spokesman pointed out.

Staff of certain national firms has already been sent by the organization to countries like the United States, Germany, Canada, Switzerland, Britain and Holland. More than 52 workers from 20 companies are already there.

The organization, under its on-site training program, also trains 197 workers from 20 national firms here. A special program has been designed for each firm and tailored according to its actual capacity and needs. The organization gives every trainee here 50 percent of his basic salary throughout the training period. For his part, the employer has to give a training allowance of no less than 10 percent of the basic salary to every worker who has completed his training.

School educational centers planned

RIYADH, Jan. 24 — School educational centers will be established in all the educational areas, according to a decree issued by Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairat the education minister, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The project is intended to help talented students and give them the chance to improve their skills.

These centers, connected with the regional educational zones, will start their activities in the afternoon in classes scheduled for three and half hours throughout the week. Centers will be provided with permanent funds for to run their activities.

Three main centers will start in Jeddah.

Dammam and Riyadh from the next academic year and throughout the Kingdom within five years to provide the students with all sorts of sports, cultural and information opportunities to satisfy their needs.

Teaching staff expected

RIYADH, Jan. 24 — Staff to operate all the Kingdom's intermediate and secondary schools and institutes has been provided with the scheduled arrival of a number of teachers this week from Oman, Egypt and Sudan *Al-Riyadh* reported.

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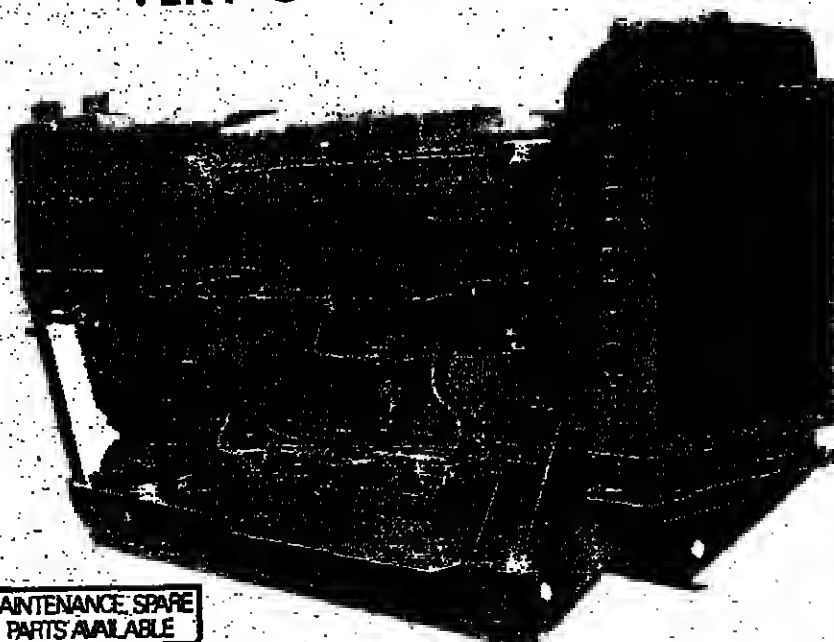
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Afghan solution feasible, U.N. aide says

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 24 (AP) — Diego Cordovez, the United Nations top negotiator on Afghanistan, declared his "optimistic" of a political solution to the Afghan crisis can be found.

Cordovez, continuing a U.N. initiative started last year, said he is carrying a "good package of proposals" to put before the leaders of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"Ever since my last visit to Pakistan there seems to be a growing and unanimous approach for the idea of a negotiated settlement of the problem," said Cordovez in an arrival statement.

The U.N. envoy, who flew direct from Tehran, described his talks with Iranian leaders as "useful and constructive." He did not elaborate.

Pakistan and Iran are considered crucial parties to the Afghan problem since both countries share borders with Afghanistan.

In addition, nearly four million Afghan refugees — or one quarter of the country's

population — have fled to Pakistan and Iran in the three years since Soviet troops marched into Afghanistan.

Cordovez, personal representative on Afghanistan of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, will have five rounds of talks here with Foreign Minister Sahibzada Yaqub Khan.

The Peruvian diplomat, who last visited Pakistan in May, leaves Thursday for Kabul, the Afghan capital, and returns Sunday to Islamabad.

Cordovez told reporters at the airport that he hopes a solution to the crisis would be found. "The Geneva talks produced a good package of understanding and the whole process is based upon this understanding," he said. "This is a continuing process and I have stayed in touch with the parties concerned in the last few months."

He also said Moscow supports his mission and added that he has been in contact with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Libya, Romania bolster ties

BUCHAREST, Jan. 24 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi left Romania Monday after signing accords on friendship and scientific cooperation with President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Radio Bucharest said the friendship treaty was intended "for the expansion of political relations," but its content was not made public.

During Qaddafi's three-day visit, the two leaders also signed an accord on developing economic, scientific and technical cooperation until 1990.

"The accords and understandings we've reached will open a new prospect and will have a historic importance in relations between Romania and Libya," Ceausescu said in a dinner toast Saturday.

13 Sudanese killed in armed attack

KHARTOUM, Jan. 24 (AP) — Armed men attacked a railway station in southern Sudan killing 13 persons and injuring three, the general command of the Peoples Armed Forces said Sunday.

The statement by the army command described the attackers as "bandits" and called the Jan. 18 attack an "isolated incident." But it said the regional government set up a high level committee to investigate the incident. The statement said the army was combating the area to eliminate such groups.

Sudan's southern region has been relatively calm since the early 1970s when the government of President Jaafar Numeiri ended a long civil war by giving the south its own local government.

The Jan. 18 incident occurred at the Ariat Railway Station near Awail, a town north of the southwestern provincial capital of Wau, the statement said.

Officials here would not comment on unconfirmed reports that Romania was to get a boost in its oil imports from Libya of up to 3 million tons a year starting this year. Oil officials of both countries were among the delegation members who attended the talks.

In a dinner speech, Qaddafi said he did not expect a settlement of the Middle East crisis soon.

"Currently peace in the Middle East is not dealt with in the most serious way," he said. "The present concept of negotiation and peace ... is many times associated with the idea of unconditional surrendering of Arabs. The Israelis have not approached in the most correct way the Palestinian problem and other general issues."

Ceausescu said a lasting peace "presupposes the existence of an independent Palestinian state, but also the recognition and the existence of Israel," according to the Communist Party newspaper *Scinteia*. Romania is the only Soviet bloc country with diplomatic relations with Israel.

Qaddafi stressed in a newspaper interview published in Paris Monday that Libyan military intervention in Chad was "very unlikely." He was asked by *Le Matin* to define his policy toward Chad.

He recalled that he sent troops there in 1980 on the written request of President Goukouni Weddeye and that "when he asked us to withdraw our army, we did so in 10 days."

Asked if Libya still supported Goukouni, who was overthrown by Hissene Habre last June, Qaddafi replied: "The fact is that his government is the legal one, and that Hissene Habre is no more than a rebel minister."

"There are 11 Chadian political factions which are not represented in the Habre government, and they all support Goukouni."

Asked if he would intervene again if requested by Goukouni, Qaddafi said the former president had made such a request, in writing, and that it had been refused.

BRIEFS

ADEN, (AP) — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in a statement Monday denied allegations his commandos were responsible for last week's hijack of a South Yemeni airliner to Djibouti. Arafat arrived here Sunday to take part in celebrations marking the 18th anniversary of the PLO.

ANKARA, (AFP) — A Turkish journalist who launched a campaign for a general amnesty in this country has received his two millionth letter of support, the liberal daily *Gunes* reported Monday. Columnist Lutfu Olmaz had submitted a petition to the justice ministry asking for a general amnesty the day he was released from jail last April after serving a 10-month sentence.

CAIRO, (AP) — The daughter of King Hassan II of Morocco arrived Sunday for a private tour of Egypt's touristic and cultural sites, the official Middle East News Agency said.

ALEXANDRIA, (AP) — The Alexandria traffic court has sentenced Abdul-Hakim Esmat Sadat, nephew of the late President Anwar Sadat, to a one-month prison term for seriously violating traffic rules. He was tried for exceeding the speed limit of 90 kilometers

an hour and driving without a valid license on the Alexandria-Cairo road.

DUBLIN, (R) — An Irish soldier has been charged with murdering three comrades shot on duty with the United Nations Interim Force Lebanon (UNIFIL), the army said Sunday. The accused, Michael McAleavy, is in custody and will be brought to Ireland for a court martial.

BAGHDAD, (R) — An Iraqi newspaper has published a statement made in it by a senior Egyptian minister and journalists here said they believed it was the first time this had happened since Egypt made peace with Israel. The statement was made to the daily *Al-Thawra* by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and concerned the aims of a visit to Washington later this week by the President of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak.

BONN, (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will make a four-day visit to West Germany next month for talks with government leaders, the foreign ministry said Monday. Relations between the two countries have been strained in the last two years because of attacks by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Tareq appointed foreign minister

NICOSIA, Jan. 24 (AP) — Tareq Aziz, member of the Iraqi revolutionary Command Council was appointed as Iraq's foreign minister Monday replacing Saddam Hammadi, the Gulf News Agency reported.

In a dispatch from the Iraqi capital, the agency said Hammadi was appointed minister of state at the presidency. No reason was given for the cabinet shuffle.

Hussein returns home

AMMAN, Jan. 24 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan returned home Monday after a three-day Gulf tour which took him to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman, the official Jordan news agency Petra reported.

During his tour he briefed the leaders of the four countries on his recent visits to France, the Soviet Union and China to explain an Arab Middle East peace plan drafted at the Fez Arab summit conference last year.

He also briefed them on his talks with President Reagan in Washington last month.

Meanwhile, a moderate Palestinian leader from the Israeli-occupied West Bank expressed readiness to participate in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in broadened peace talks with the Jewish state.

Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem, spoke on his arrival in Egypt for a two-week visit, his first to Egypt, at the invitation of Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

Freij is scheduled to meet Ali Tuesday. He is expected to be received by President Hosni Mubarak before the Egyptian leader departs for Washington Wednesday.

Over rocket firing Marines deny Israeli charges

BEIRUT, Jan. 24 (AP) — A U.S. Marine spokesman denied Monday a claim by the Israeli military command that a rocket fired at an Israeli checkpoint originated from the area where the Marines are stationed.

"We know of no such firing," said Marine Capt. Dale Dye. The Marines maintain observation posts throughout the approximately dozen square kilometers (4.5 square miles) they control around the Beirut International Airport.

The Israeli command in Tel Aviv said in an announcement that the Katyusha rocket fired earlier Monday at an Israeli checkpoint in the suburb of Khalde, site of withdrawal negotiations among Lebanon, Israel and United States, came from the neighborhood of bay El-Sellom, a village adjacent to the airport, and several kilometers north of Khalde.

However, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson reported from the scene that the explosion occurred on the southwest corner of a seven-story apartment building in Khalde, with no clear line of sight in the direction of the marine area. Israeli security men at the scene indicated the rocket had apparently come from the seashore to the south or southwest. One Israeli soldier was slightly wounded, the Israeli command said.

Meanwhile, *Washington Post* said a U.S. Marine had an Israeli soldier in his rifle sights and had to be ordered not to fire in the closest call yet documented in the recent series of U.S.-Israeli military confrontations in Lebanon.

The incident, reported by the newspaper Monday, is believed to have occurred near the Beirut Airport Friday.

The newspaper quoted unnamed Pentagon official as saying that the Marine rifleman complained to his superiors that he had been

trained to fire in self defense and was frustrated when he was restrained. Other details weren't provided.

Other confrontations between U.S. Marines and Israeli forces in Lebanon have been reported in the past week. Italian and French troops are also in that country to keep peace in the aftermath of Israel's invasion last summer.

The Pentagon announced Thursday that two confrontations occurred within a day between Marines and Israeli troops at a checkpoint near the Beirut Airport.

Egypt reiterates M.E. peace stand

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, eager to speed up Middle East peace talks, has asked Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to recognize Israel unilaterally and King Hussein of Jordan to find a way of including the PLO in negotiations, he said in an interview published here Monday.

He told the news magazine *Time* before leaving for the United States that he backed U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace initiative which calls for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the River Jordan in association with Jordan.

He said he believed the Israelis could live in peace with the Arab countries and that "if they are practical, they will find a way to solve the Palestinian problem."

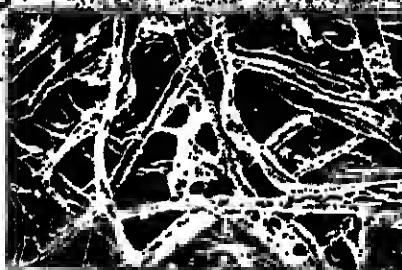
"If the Palestinians are given their rights and Israel stops being obstinate, the Israeli people will have much to gain," Mubarak said.

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Those Saudi Businessmen interested in establishing contact with the Mission are kindly requested to seek additional information at the Commercial Section of the Brazilian Embassy in Jeddah (from 8:30 to 13:30 hrs. and from 17 to 20 hrs) Tel: 6514872/6514876/6515124

To reassure followers

Sihanouk said visiting Bangkok

BANGKOK, Jan. 24 (AP) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the anti-Vietnamese Democratic Kampuchea coalition movement, has been on a secret visit to Thailand since Friday, reliable sources said here Monday.

The Thai authorities have, for the moment, refused to confirm the arrival of the former Cambodian head of state. Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman, Jern Sornkritul, told newsmen they were not informed of the visit. The arrival of Prince Sihanouk from Pyongyang, where he has been living recently, came as a surprise to Bangkok diplomatic circles.

According to generally well-informed sources on the prince's plans, the aim of his visit was to reassure his worried followers of his determination to pursue his role as head of the coalition government, which groups three armed Cambodian anti-Vietnamese resistance movements.

According to sources close to the prince's entourage, he arrived in Bangkok Friday on board a regular Chinese Airlines (CAAC) flight and was staying in a house outside Bangkok. They did not say how long he would be staying.

His arrival comes at the same time as certain diplomatic developments concerning him are taking place. Hanoi's attitude may be changing. Vietnamese officials and a Belgian diplomat held talks in Hanoi on Cambodia, where Vietnam keeps 150,000 to 180,000 soldiers. But Vietnam and Belgium have denied that Hanoi was sending Prince Sihanouk through the Belgian intermediary.

Paris grenade attack suspect 'acted alone'

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AP) — The man arrested following a grenade attack on the Turkish Airlines office in Paris has refused to cooperate with the police who, though they have been able to identify him, know little else, investigators said Sunday.

After hours of interrogation and further investigation, police are now convinced that the suspect was acting alone and that a second man thought to have fled the scene was not involved in the operation. Police have identified the man as Abraham Tomassian, 28, a resident of Beirut they say came to Paris from Lebanon. Investigators have not, however, been able to account for his time in France, his contacts or where he got the two grenades used in the attack.

The man claims to speak no French, and through an interpreter he has refused to answer any questions apart from saying he acted alone and wanted to avenge the massacre of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians by the Turks in 1915.

Police say, because of the time element, it was not possible that the same person carried out the acts.

Britain reopens Soviet spy case

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP) — British investigators have reopened the case of former royal art adviser Anthony Blunt, the ex-British agent unmasked as Soviet spy, and appear to suspect another former agent of having secretly worked for the Soviet Union. The Sunday Telegraph reported.

"The inquiries are believed to center on one man, a former M15 agent, and the role he played in the Blunt affair," the newspaper said. It did not identify the ex-agent but said he is believed to have been questioned recently. Blunt, now 74, confessed in 1964 to passing top secrets to the Soviets during his years with Britain's M15 intelligence service.

proposal to meet the head of the Phnom Penh regime, Heng Samrin.

The temporary semi-retirement of Prince Sihanouk has been attributed to his disappointment at the Chinese leaders' special honorary treatment of Khmer Rouge leader Kieu Samphan during his visit to Peking last autumn. Kieu is vice president of the coalition which, in addition to the 35,000 pro-Chinese Khmer Rouge guerrillas and some

Thai Communist rebels surrender

BANGKOK, Jan. 24 (R) — More than 460 Communist guerrillas and their followers surrendered to the Thai government Sunday, an army officer said.

The Communists laid down their arms before Thai Army Commander-in-Chief Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek at the northeastern provincial capital of Mukdahan. Gen. Arthit, accepting the surrender, said the "war of liberation" waged for 17 years by the outlawed Peking-backed Communist Party of Thailand (CPT) in north eastern Thailand on the border with Laos, was now over, the officials said.

The general said the surrender was due to realization that the economic and political

3,000 Sihanouk supporters, also includes the 9,000 followers of nationalist leader Son Sann.

The coalition is supported diplomatically by China against the Vietnamese expeditionary force but its main military force is made up of the Khmer Rouges and the two other movements have been complaining that the bulk of Chinese military aid goes to the Khmer Rouge.

problems of Thailand could not be solved by a single group alone through force of arms. Officials said the guerrillas turned over several hundred weapons, including American M-16 and Communist AK-47 rifles. They said the number of CPT guerrillas in northeast Thailand was now reduced to 300 armed men at most, from the peak strength of some 4,000 guerrillas a year ago.

More than 1,000 CPT insurgents in north-eastern Thailand surrendered to the government last December. In September, after former CPT Secretary General Udom Srisuwan defected to the government, party members were promised full amnesty if they surrendered.

Paper claims Indonesian girls are 'sold'

JAKARTA, Jan. 24 (AP) — A slavery ring run by a travel agency was selling young Indonesian girls to retired men in Singapore and Taiwan because the men could not find wives, the daily *Pelita* newspaper reported Monday.

The girls were smuggled out of Indonesia to Taiwan and Singapore with the help of a travel agency in the West Kalimantan capital of Pontianak. The *Pelita* said. A police spokesman confirmed the report and said they were investigating the case and could not divulge further details.

The newspaper report said the network was uncovered by Indonesian intelligence after catching the ring attempting to fly a group of girls to Taiwan recently. It said the operation had been going on for some time but had no additional details.

But intelligence sources said the slavery ring was headed by a Taiwanese identified only as Lmk. Lmk used an Indonesian Chinese woman, identified only as Mrs. L. Ch., to run the operation. The paper said Mrs. L. Ch. has a brother in Pontianak who helped her recruit the young Indonesian girls.

Pope murder plot

Magistrate rejects plea for Bulgarian's release

ROME, Jan. 24 (AP) — A magistrate has thrown out a request for the release of the Bulgarian airline employee charged with complicity in the shooting of the pope, the Italian press reported Sunday.

The reports said the decision on the case of Sergei Ivanov Antonov taken after 70 days of inquiries meant the so-called "Bulgarian connection" to the 1981 assassination attempt was consistent with all known facts.

On Saturday, State Prosecutor Ilario Martella's office said that the magistrate had reached a decision on Antonov, the Rome station chief of the Bulgarian state airline Balkan Air. The statement did not say what Martella decided but the reports said it was certain Martella had ruled against the release because otherwise Antonov would already have left jail. One of Antonov's Italian lawyers, Giuseppe Consolo, said on Sunday he had no official word yet on any decision but was expecting one shortly. Nobody was available for comment at Martella's office or the justice ministry.

Antonov, 35, was arrested Nov. 25 in Rome and charged with complicity in the

shooting of the pope. He has pleaded innocent repeatedly to any involvement in the attack. Italian officials have not disclosed when he might be tried but long delays, sometimes of years, are customary in Italy.

Another prosecutor, state's attorney Franco Scorza, on Tuesday recommended that the state reject the defense petition which was filed on grounds of lack of evidence. Martella was scheduled to make a ruling within 10 days. The magistrate has not said what the case against the Bulgarian is, but has said there are "sufficient grounds" for his arrest.

Under Italian law, both the state's attorney, in this case Scorza and the magistrate in this case, Martella, carry out criminal investigations. In addition to his role as a chief investigator, Martella has the power to judge in cases in which the defense has asked for the release of a client. He can also indict.

Antonov's lawyers have insisted he is innocent and have produced 10 witnesses who said they saw Antonov on May 13 and the two days preceding the attack.

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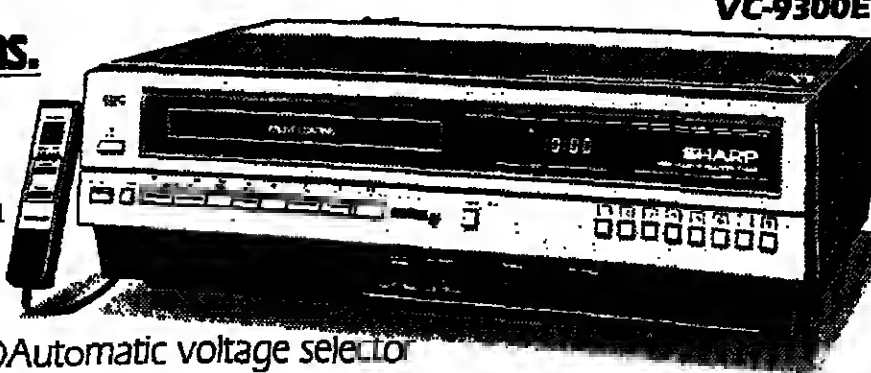
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In the Horn of Africa

Ethiopia, Kenya assail Somali 'expansionism'

NAIROBI, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Ethiopia and Kenya Monday condemned Somalia's "expansionist activities" in the Horn of Africa and, in a warning clearly aimed at the United States, urged all countries to refrain from arming the regime in Mogadishu.

Their joint communique was issued here and in Addis Ababa after a week-long meeting of the Ethiopia-Kenya border administration commission in the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

Soviet-backed Ethiopia and generally pro-Western Kenya have a long-standing common grievance against Somalia, which in the past has claimed both Ethiopia's south-eastern Ogaden region and Kenya's north-west as part of "greater Somalia". Both regions are populated by ethnic Somali nomads.

Addis Ababa and Nairobi are linked in a defense pact in case of aggression by the regime in Mogadishu but Kenya's participation in a call not to arm Somalia was seen as significant by political observers here. The most recent outbreak of hostilities in the Horn involved Ethiopian-backed forces striking into Somalia.

The latest fighting began in June, but Somalia and Ethiopia fought a war in 1977-78 over the Ogaden, when Somali regular forces and ethnic Somali guerrillas pushed deep into the Ogaden, only to be repelled with the help of massive Soviet and Cuban military aid to the Ethiopians.

In Monday's communique, carried here by

the official Keoya news agency, Ethiopia and Kenya "unreservedly condemned the Somali regime for its expansionist activities and ... reaffirmed their commitment to preserving their territorial integrity and sanctity of boundaries as enshrined in the OAU (Organization of African Unity) and U.N. charters".

Both sides "strongly urged all countries to desist from arming the Somali expansionist regime under any pretext whatsoever", according to the communique.

In July, the United States began airlifting military equipment to Somalia in connection with what a State Department spokesman called "the military emergency in Somalia caused by frequent incursions by Ethiopian forces and other Ethiopian-supported forces", a reference to guerrillas of the Somali Salvation Democratic Front opposing the government of President Muhammad Siad Barre.

Diplomatic sources in Mogadishu say there are also some U.S. military advisers in Somalia. In 1980, Washington and Mogadishu signed an agreement under which the U.S. would supply \$40 million worth of defensive equipment such as radar in return for the use of Somali bases for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force. Kenya has a similar pact with the United States.

Despite the categorical wording of the communique, one of the Kenyan delegates contacted after its signing appeared to put a nuance on Nairobi's position.

On arms limitation issue

Russia fails to convince West

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP) — The Soviet Union's current peace offensive has failed to convince the West of Moscow's credibility on the arms limitation issue, according to an international *Newsweek* poll.

In its Jan. 31 issue, the American news magazine says the poll surveyed representative national samples of adults in the United States, Britain, West Germany, France and the Netherlands. It reports that 59 percent of the Americans and a plurality of Europeans surveyed found U.S. President Ronald Reagan's arms control proposals more credible than those advanced by Soviet Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov.

But many Europeans distrust both the Soviet and American leaders, according to the copyrighted *Newsweek* poll, and most Europeans favor a move toward neutralism in the East-West conflict. Nearly two-thirds of the Americans polled, which amount to 64 percent, favor a nuclear freeze that would ban all testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons, according to *Newsweek*.

It also reports that many of the Europeans

questioned — 40 percent of the Dutch, 33 percent of the West Germans, 33 percent of the British and 24 percent of the French — volunteered the opinion that they believe neither Reagan nor Andropov.

With the exception of the Netherlands, says *Newsweek*, a plurality of respondents in the other European nations believe NATO should proceed with its plan to deploy Pershing II missiles and Cruise missiles in Western Europe if Washington and Moscow cannot reach an accord limiting nuclear weapons by the end of this year. And by a 45 to 31 percent margin, most Americans favor NATO's missile deployment plan, the magazine reports.

It says that for this international *Newsweek* poll, the Gallup organization and its affiliates in Europe interviewed representative national samples of about 500 adults in each country (754 in the United States, 723 in West Germany) by telephone or in person between Jan. 17 and 19. The margin of error, says *Newsweek*, is minus four to five percentage points.

Talks on Sikh demands start in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (R) — Sikh leaders began talks here Monday with Indian government and opposition officials to try to resolve political and religious grievances in the northern farming state of Punjab.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said she was confident the all-party talks would yield good results. Monday's meeting marked the first time that national opposition parties have been brought into the negotiations on the militant Sikh demands, which include greater autonomy for Punjab where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live.

The regional Sikh Akali Party, which has a three-man delegation to the talks, has threatened to begin a new phase of a protracted agitation campaign unless its demands were met by Wednesday. Hundreds of Sikhs have deliberately sought arrest in Punjab under a form of Indian non-violent protest.

Mrs. Gandhi told members of a rival Akali faction it was not advisable to adopt a path of confrontation. "If we bow before any threat, then tomorrow others will also try to adopt the same method," she said.

Central to the Akali demands is an enlarged Punjab, which would incorporate Punjabi-speaking areas of neighboring states and have a greater degree of autonomy. Political commentators said New Delhi was unlikely to surrender more powers to Punjab because it could raise similar demands from other states, some of which already complain of discrimination by the central government.

Mrs. Gandhi said she had accepted some of the religious demands of the Akalis, including permission to broadcast religious scriptures from the Golden Temple in the city of Amritsar and to carry knives on domestic flights. One of the Sikhs' religious requirements is for men to have a knife with them at all times.

Soviet dissident ends hunger strike

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — French Communist Party leader George Marchais said Sunday night that Soviet party chief Yuri Andropov had assured him that Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky's health was satisfactory and nothing is threatening his life.

Marchais told a group of European newsmen that he had received the assurance from Andropov Wednesday in response to a message he had sent to the Soviet leader asking about Shcharansky, whose family has said he is on hunger strike in prison and being forced every third day. According to Marchais, Andropov said the dissident had ended the hunger strike after he had been in touch with his mother.

As S. African police turns a blind eye

Private militia enforces law in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 24 (AFP) — In Soweto, where the crime rate is high, the private militia known as the Magkotlas enforce their own version of the law, while the official South African police turns a blind eye to their activities.

In the face of a murder every six hours — 1,275 last year — the Magkotlas patrol the streets of the vast dormitory town for black workers outside Johannesburg, make arrests, impose punishments and settle the innumerable domestic disputes which the white man's police ignore.

Authorities refuse to give official recognition to the Magkotlas — which means civil guards in the Tswana language — but undoubtedly, the number of killings, rapes and armed robberies have shown a spectacular fall in areas where they operate. This aspect of Sowetan justice has its roots in local African tradition, which ruled the lives of the distant ancestors of the township's inhabitants long before the white colonization of South Africa. In those days, public trials took place before the chief in the center of the village. Anyone present could give his version of the facts to defend or denounce the accused.

Today, that tradition is lost, despite cases like one last November, when villagers in northern Transvaal stoned to death one of

their number accused of causing the death through witchcraft of a young man struck by lightning.

In Magkotla trials, the punishments are usually a fine of never more than the equivalent of \$20, or up to six lashes. The Magkotla system was the idea of Sigfried Mantlata in the 1960s. Now head of one of the most powerful militias, he is convinced that Soweto's high crime rate — second only to New York — is due to the loss of cultural identity among urban blacks.

In Soweto's Dhlamini neighborhood, the Magkotla committee meets out justice in a four meter square concrete garage, furnished with wooden benches on which sit plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses and the "judge." Court sessions are held generally on Sunday, except in urgent cases.

A young woman of 26 is on trial for her association with a man three years her junior, with whom she lives at the home of his parents. The parents complain that he brings no money into the house, as tradition demands, while the woman has paid no dowry. "We settle cases which escape white justice," explains the head of the Dhlamini committee, Fanie Mgqolowa.

And a black policeman, who regularly aids the Magkotlas when he is off duty, adds, "we can track down criminals where the white

police cannot go." The men and women of the Magkotlas also say they play a vital conciliatory role in society, keeping the peace in families, settling quarrels between neighbors and sorting out inheritance problems. They also discipline children at the request of their parents.

The evidence of the father or mother is never questioned, and the child accused of truancy, swearing or associating with street gangs receives no sympathy. Instead, his parents sign a statement absolving the Magkotlas of responsibility and the child is given a number of lashes.

Last December, six Magkotlas were brought before the South African courts and acquitted. They had been charged with hanging a man accused of adultery up by his wrists from a beam for several hours. In Soweto, 80 percent of killings take place at or near shebeens, the local clubs, and in virtually every case, blood tests reveal a high alcohol content, police say.

For black leaders, the reasoning is simplistic. They say people drink because they are unemployed and living without security of tenure in overcrowded accommodations, separated for 11 months of the year from their families in the black townships, set up under the apartheid system.

SDP isolates Germany from allies, Kohl says

BONN, Jan. 24 (R) — Political challenges preceding West Germany's national elections continued this weekend with governing parties accusing the opposition of undermining the West's position at the Geneva nuclear arms talks.

Both Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher warned the Social Democratic Party (SDP) against isolating West Germany from its main allies by compromising on the arms question. Genscher said: "Whoever leads the German Federal Republic along the path of isolation and neutralization removes the basis of its security and policy of peace."

The attacks followed a speech by Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SDP candidate for chancellor in the March 6 elections. Vogel made it clear at an SDP campaign congress Friday that his party was softening its former adherence to NATO's plan to site new Pershing and Cruise nuclear missiles in West Germany if the Soviet Union refuses to dismantle SS-20 medium range rockets targeted on Western Europe.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, whose center-right alliance took power four months ago from an SDP-led coalition government, told the French publication *Le Point* in an interview that Bonn would stand by its pledge to allow the new missiles to be deployed if the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva failed to make progress.

He also backed French President Francois

Mitterrand, who has said the France would not allow its national nuclear deterrent to be lumped with the overall Western nuclear arsenal in the Geneva talks, as Moscow wants.

Addressing a conference of his Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Sunday in his Baden-Wuerttemberg electoral district, Kohl described Vogel as a "wanderer between two worlds (East and West)." He said the foreign and defense policies espoused by the SDP would deprive West Germany of a say in world politics and isolate them from their friends.

The Bavarian prime minister, speaking at a rally of his Christian Social Union in Munich,

referred to allegations made by Vogel at the SDP congress that the four-month-old center-right government "was responsible for accelerating West German unemployment."

"What is being maintained today, I'd leave out only the Hitler-Goebbels (Nazi) era," is the greatest political lying swindle that I have experienced in my career," Strauss said. He described the "zero option," under which the West would desert from deploying its new weapons, if Moscow scrapped its SS-20 medium range missiles, as a "utopian invention of former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Genscher, the SDP's partner, until he switched his free Democratic Party to Kohl."

Due to cyanide poison threat

Louisiana towns go without water

RAYNE, Louisiana, Jan. 24 (AP) — About 65,000 persons in nine southern Louisiana towns were left without drinking water Monday following a wave of anonymous telephone calls claiming the cities' water supplies had been poisoned with cyanide.

No poison has been found and no arrests have been made in the threats, which were expected to shut down schools and curtail business activities, officials said. Officials said all the anonymous calls were being taken seriously. "We absolutely can't take a chance," said Sue Ellen Lewis.

At Eunice, national guard and civil defense

trucks carried water to seven pickup stations. Al Hoffman, a poison information specialist at charity hospital in New Orleans, said Monday that about 200 milligrams of cyanide would be a lethal dose for a human, but smaller amounts can cause illness.

Community danger from cyanide poisoning would depend on the amount of water in a city's system, its hardness and how fast it was being distributed, he said. A caller Sunday said poison had been put in the water systems of the other five towns, and officials in those communities turned off the water immediately and began making tests.

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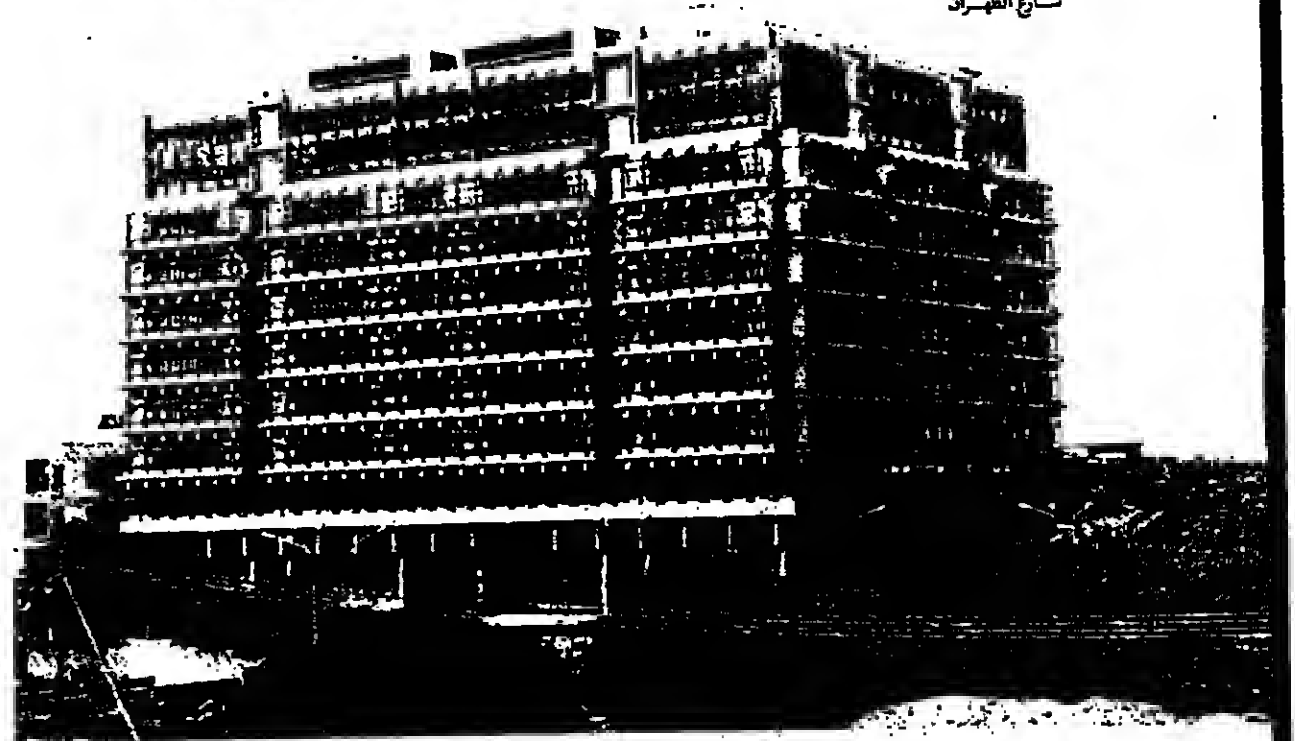
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OPEC FAILURE

Greedy and short sightedness have triumphed at OPEC's Geneva meeting. After a week of optimism and two days of apparent progress, toward an accord, OPEC ministers disbanded early Monday, their hopes dashed on the rocks of petty self-interest.

There is no denying that the failure to rationally divide a dwindling world market is a major blow for the oil producers' organization. All parties had agreed the emergency Geneva meeting was crucial, and offered a last chance to solve the current oil crisis in an orderly manner. After an earlier failure last month, OPEC ministers appear to have concluded that the task is beyond them.

And yet blame for the fiasco is not evenly distributed among the OPEC member countries. After accepting Sunday the need for a lower production ceiling, oil ministers apparently foundered on the thorny issue of individual output quotas. A general commitment to the organization's future was manifest, but the willingness to sacrifice for the greater good was apparently lacking among certain members of the group.

What transpired in the corridors of the conference hall may take time to emerge, if it ever does entirely. But it appears as if the same factions responsible for the crisis in the first place were behind Monday's upset. Iran and certain North African producers, which have been flouting OPEC agreements for months, were evidently unwilling to put aside partisan interests and conform to the realities of today's market. They reportedly balked at an arrangement that would mean slightly fewer sales than they have now.

The Kingdom, OPEC's largest producer, has cut its production in half over the past two years to help maintain OPEC unity. Not enough fellow producers have followed its example, however. Instead, countries like Iran, Libya and Venezuela have pursued an every-man-for-himself madness that now threatens to engulf the market at large. "Every country will now do what it wants" is how UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Oteiba described the outcome at Geneva.

That could mean a deadly price war from which no one will benefit. Drastically lower prices could wreak havoc with the international banking system, which is based on a steady and predictable influx of oil revenues. The budgets and development projects of many oil producing countries may suffer, and aid to indebted Third World countries may also be cut back.

In short, the free-for-all to come is full of potential dangers that may well boomerang against those that made harmony and agreement at Geneva impossible. They let short-term political, economic and even military interests blind them from seeing the chaos they may now fall into.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi newspapers Monday highlighted King Fahd's message to the Islamic Fiqh (Jurisprudence) Academy. The message was read out Sunday by Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mubsen. The local press also frontpaged Lebanon's rejection of the idea of early warning stations to be manned by American personnel, and the itinerary of U.S. envoy Philip Habib. The Geneva meeting of ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) received a special emphasis.

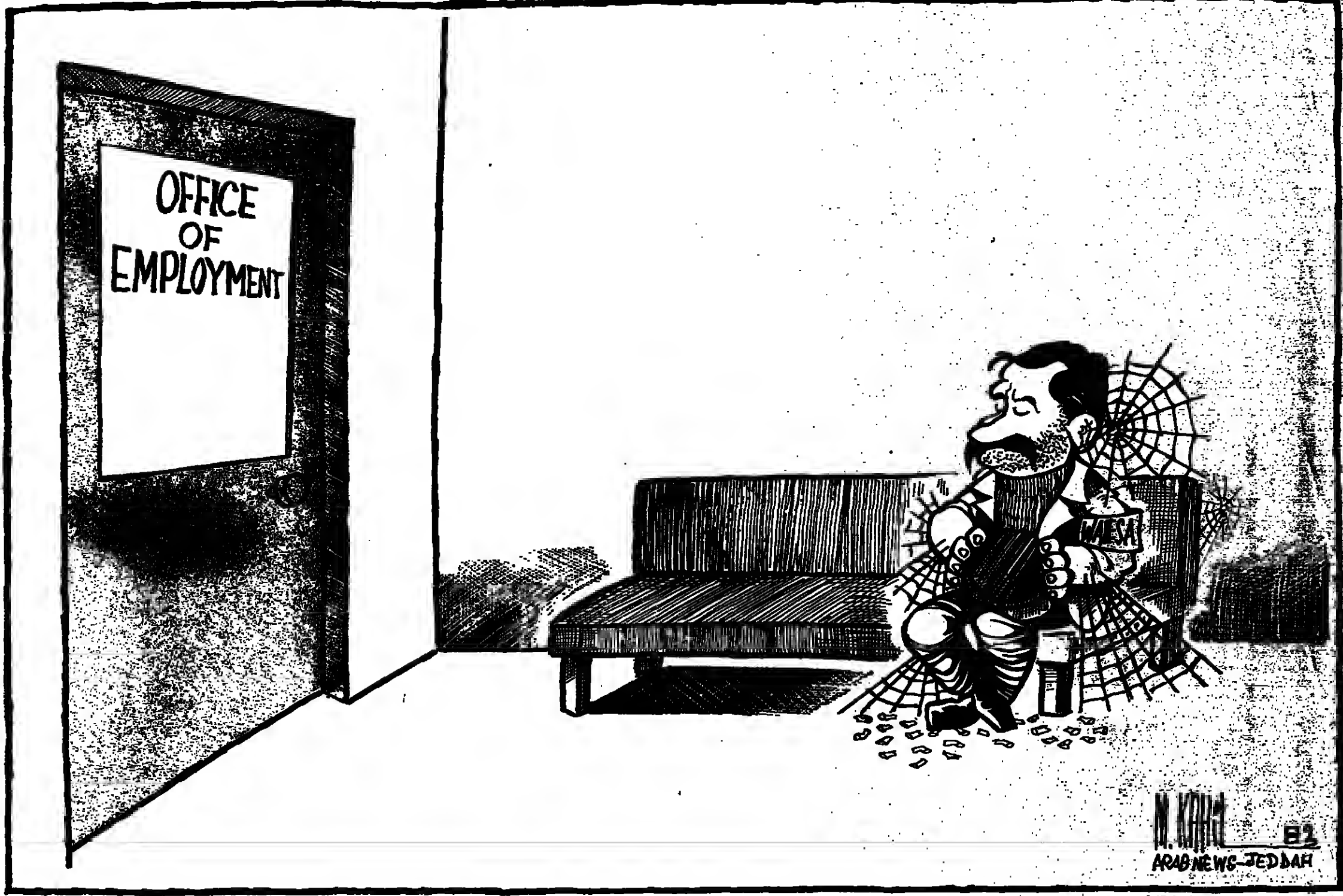
Al-Jazirah wrote editorially that the official endorsement by the 43-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference of the unified Arab peace plan in Marrakesh was a great gift for the Arab states and the Palestinian cause. What added to the importance of such an endorsement was that it followed the joint meeting of the Jerusalem Committee and the Seven-Member Arab Committee stemming from the Fez Summit.

The paper said that now the Arabs will derive more strength from their Islamic sisterly countries. They will be in a better position to use pressure, convince and

achieve victory. Some 63 countries at present constitute the Arab-Islamic coalition at the United Nations. Such a grouping will also use its influence at other forums to oppose world Zionism and communism hostile to the Arabs and Muslims.

Al-Jazirah said that the world powers supporting Israel will reconsider their attitude and reckon with the new situation as the Muslims have thrown their lot behind the Arabs. Such powers cannot afford to risk their vital interests in the Arab and Islamic countries after the latter have joined hands.

Commenting on the same subject, Okaz said that the Middle East was undergoing a series of reactions which will certainly leave their imprint on the Arab peace drive. Such reactions will also lead to an intensification of efforts and a fresh impetus for a phase in which time is gold. Foremost among such reactions is the Jordan-Palestinian dialogue for a confederation that might prompt Washington to shoulder its responsibilities toward the peace process and to use firmness in face of Israel's arrogance. (SPA)



Khmer Front takes Vietnamese occupiers by surprise

By Rob Sester

BANGKOK — Bolstered by new weapons supplies and a revamped, aggressive strategy, non-Communist resistance fighters for the first time have grabbed the spotlight in the long and complex war for control of Cambodia.

The troubled nation is still firmly in the grip of the Vietnamese occupation troops that overran Phnom Penh four years ago. But Western analysts say a series of successful small-scale military operations by the right-wing Khmer People's National Liberation Front in recent weeks has clearly caught the occupiers by surprise. "The KPNLF is putting the Vietnamese off balance with their attacks," said one diplomatic source. "If the Vietnamese did have any plans for a large-scale offensive (during the dry season which began two months ago), they have been delayed. All their reconnaissance of the KPNLF lines is no longer any good."

In the past, the KPNLF, headed by former Cambodian Prime Minister Son Sann, has lain low, engaging in sporadic guerrilla attacks against Vietnamese positions near the Thai-Cambodian border but leaving the brunt of offensive activities against the Vietnamese to the much larger, better-equipped and better-trained 30,000-man army of the Communist Khmer Rouge guerrillas, survivors of the brutal regime that was driven from power in Cambodia by the Vietnamese invasion.

So far this year, however, Khmer Rouge guerrilla actions have been carried out at an unusually low level and have been overshadowed by the activities

of the KPNLF. For their part, the Vietnamese have yet to launch the major offensive against resistance positions that Thai military officials have been predicting for months.

Though harboring deep distrust for each other, the resistance groups last summer agreed to merge their political hierarchies into a loosely arranged coalition government with another small band of guerrillas loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former Cambodian monarch. Under the coalition pact, the three groups keep their armies and military operations separate. Diplomats caution against making too much of the altered state of affairs, which could turn around quickly if the Khmer Rouge or Vietnamese decide to revert to previous form and go after each other. With heavy tanks, artillery and helicopters as well as a 180,000- to 200,000-man occupation army, including 50,000 troops on the border, Vietnam clearly has the men and material to control the situation on the ground.

By the most optimistic estimates, the Son Sann group has no more than 11,000 men under arms and the Sihanouk faction 5,000 armed soldiers. Observers also note that the action so far during the dry season, the most advantageous time to mount military operations, has been on an extremely small scale, frequently amounting to little more than skirmishes between passing enemy patrols.

Still, the spirited performance of KPNLF fighters has drawn the interest of professional Cambodia watchers from Western and non-Communist Asian embassies here in Bangkok. Intelligence sources said that since the last week in December, KPNLF forces have raided several Vietnamese-controlled

hamlets near the Thai border and have held on to the most strategic of them — a small village within artillery range of the guerrilla encampment at Nong Chan — for three weeks before it fell to a large Vietnamese force.

In another action, on Jan. 5, several hundred KPNLF troops operating out of Nong Chan overran a Vietnamese garrison near the border, capturing several weapons and rounds of ammunition before withdrawing, sources confirmed. Statements from the group claim dozens of Vietnamese have been killed or injured during the attacks in which the guerrilla forces suffered only minor casualties. However, independent verification of the claims is impossible since Bangkok-based correspondents are effectively barred from the border area by the Thai military.

Most of the action has taken place in the jungle region immediately east and northeast of the Thai border village of Aranyaprathet, probably best known to Westerners as an area descended upon by tens of thousands of starving refugees fleeing Cambodia shortly after the Vietnamese ousted the murderous Khmer Rouge from control of the Cambodian government in January 1979.

Why the Khmer Rouge and Vietnamese have so far kept the gloves on is something of a mystery here. Diplomatic analysts note that it is rarely possible to pinpoint the rationale behind any policy of the xenophobic Khmer Rouge, who in four years in power in Cambodia instituted a reign of terror that killed at least 1 million and maybe 3 million persons.

Some observers speculate that Hanoi may be pul-

ling its punches to explore diplomatic initiatives for solving the dispute while others suggest Vietnam may be trading softly on the non-Communist groups now because it may want to strike a deal with them in the future. Another theory is that, since Vietnam justifies its continued presence in Cambodia by claiming it is protecting its neighbors from the possible return of the Khmer Rouge, Hanoi has a vested interest in keeping the Khmer Rouge guerrilla movement alive.

Western diplomats can point to more concrete reasons to explain the more aggressive approach of the KPNLF and, to a lesser extent, the Sihanouk faction. Before the coalition accord, China had been the only nation regularly supplying the guerrilla groups with weaponry. However, in recent months, another nation, widely believed to be Singapore, also provided large, clandestine shipments of light armaments to the non-Communist resistance groups.

"They've got more guns and are feeling more confident," one analyst explained. "They know they have to do something on the battlefield with those weapons to gain credibility. Also, commanders face a difficult problem maintaining morale in the camps. A couple of quick victories is a great morale booster."

For the KPNLF, another change occurred in October when Maj. Gen. Dien Del, the longtime chief of staff of Son Sann's army, resigned after an internal squabble. Del was known as a defensive-minded commander more interested in preserving the positions he already held rather than taking new ones. The four-man command committee that replaced him, is said to have more aggressive tendencies.

Since the coalition accord was reached, both the Son Sann and Sihanouk groups have managed to boost the size of their armies, recruiting as many as 2,000 troops each by some estimates. Although the size of the Khmer Rouge force has remained fairly stable, analysts think it will be a long time — if ever — before the non-Communist groups could rival the Khmer Rouge in size.

And, in terms of discipline, training and experience, the KPNLF and Sihanouk groups are no match for the Khmer Rouge, who figure to be the dominant resistance group for quite some time despite the current lull in their activities.

Nonaligned summit strengthens Sandinistas

By Susan Morgan

MANAGUA — Eighty-seven representatives of Third World nations attending a nonaligned conference have recently adopted a final communique which to some extent watered down a toughly-worded "Managua declaration" indicting United States policy in Central America and the Caribbean.

Nonetheless, both the holding of the meeting in Managua and the communique itself, which retained the basic anti-imperialist thrust of the original, are seen as a diplomatic triumph for the beleaguered Sandinista regime, helping to establish international legitimacy, an obsession since the overthrow of the dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979, and making it far harder for the U.S. to bully or harass Nicaragua.

The communique (which refrained from mentioning the U.S. as an aggressor by name), still continued strongly to condemn U.S. interference in Nicaraguan internal affairs — notably the arming of anti-Sandinista forces in Honduras as well as Israeli

provision of arms to Honduras and Guatemala.

Before the conference, a U.S. official admitted that "whatever the outcome, we will be unhappy with it." He conceded that the U.S. had "talked" to friendly nonaligned nations before the meeting to persuade them to weaken the strongly anti-American document, which sought to blame the U.S. for virtually all the ills of the region.

One knowledgeable observer said afterward that the communique had indeed been toned down to make it a more balanced, less denunciatory document. "They had to take account of U.S. policies in the region," he said. "Earlier, it was really a propaganda platform."

But the Nicaraguan foreign minister, Miguel d'Escoto, said: "The outcome was better than we expected." Others said most delegates here had no idea about the regional issues involved and frankly don't care too much.

Watered down or not, the communique was a final accomplishment for Cuban diplomacy, before Havana hands over chairmanship of the nonaligned

movement to India at the New Delhi summit in March. Cuba is held responsible for radicalizing and Latinizing the 20-year-old movement, with important implications for the U.S.

"In the past, the U.S. was able to dismiss the nonaligned as a collection of timid countries from Africa and Asia headed by a middle-ranking power such as Yugoslavia," one observer said. "But now major, moderate Latin American powers such as Venezuela are about to join" (as are Colombia and possibly Mexico).

A key policy speech by the Nicaraguan junta co-ordinator, Daniel Ortega, picked up the theme of U.S. interference but also dealt with desperate economic problems of developing nations. He pointed to the responsibility of the developed world in solving what he described as a "time bomb" of debt by the Third World. Observers believe that under India's chairmanship, economic issues will come to the fore. "Third World nations realize the value of a concerted approach to solving their economic problems and pressuring the developed world," a commentator said. (ON)

Letters to the editor

Zimbabwe not Zambia

Sir,

I refer to your article which has appeared in *Arab News* Jan. 24, 1983, page 5 entitled "Rebels destroy equipment in Zambian town."

The facts are that there are no rebels fighting against the government in the Republic of Zambia and Harare is the capital city of Zimbabwe and not Zambia as incorrectly publicized in your paper. All that you have reported in your paper so far has happened in Zimbabwe.

The article has caused anxiety among the Zambian nationals and the community at large, living in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Glyn B. Zimba
Second Secretary

Whooping cough cure

Dear Sir,

The article "cure for whooping cough" published in the Jan. 18 issue of *Arab News* is likely to mislead some readers. Erpulin may well be an excellent cough medicine; but that is all it is. It is a symptomatic treatment and in no sense can be called a cure. Immunization remains our best defense against this unpleasant and dangerous disease.

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Indian Muslims

Sir,

This has reference to the letter to editor "A fitting reply" written by Syed Ali published in *Arab News* on Jan. 5. He says the mischief of the West resulted in the partition of sub-continent on the basis of "divide and rule." But he has ignored entirely the struggles and bloodshed of millions of Muslims. He also says that India has always stood on the side of justice and peace.

Recently, on the occasion of birthday of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him), a large number of Muslims were killed and last week 20 Muslims were killed in Hyderabad (India) and a prominent Muslim poet Yasin with his wife and son were killed mercilessly by Hindus.

So, where is justice and peace for Muslims in India? In my opinion, *Arab News* is not only the voice of Saudi Arabia but it is the voice of Muslim people of the world. *Arab News* always has been pleading the cause of Muslims, whether they are Palestinians or Afghan Mujahideen.

As far as the editorial "Misinformation" of *Arab News* dated Dec. 30, 1982, is concerned, I was surprised to read that the editorial instead of condemning, praised India.

While India is not a Muslim state but a Hindu state, there is no doubt about Indian Israeli secret relations. According to an Indian leader Dr. Swami, who recently came back from Israel, India and

Israel have held secret discussions about Pakistan's nuclear progress.

Arabia No. 9, 1982 in an article about the relations of India and Israel. "Facing both ways on Israel" specially mentioned "that a delegation of Indian businessmen close to Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party will visit Israel."

"In June 1982, an Indian journalist reported that 'the powerful Israel lobby in the U.S. considers Pakistan's nuclear capability a threat for its safety. A side effect of this interplay of force has been the growth of Indo-Israeli collaboration in nuclear technology.' It is believed that both countries are interested in maintaining a working relationship in nuclear field."

It is clear that both countries have good relations, specially on nuclear technology. And if Israel could build the Israeli nuclear research center, then how can we say that the same strategy of hitting Pakistan nuclear center could not be discussed between India and Israel. That is a different question. India can't dare to do so, keeping in mind the bitter experience of the past wars.

It is clear that mostly non-Muslims are against Muslims, either they are Jews or Hindus.

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 25th, the 25th day of 1983. There are 340 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1494 — Alfonso II succeeds to throne of Naples on death of Ferdinand II.

1544 — Sir Thomas Wyatt raises army in England to oppose Mary I's projected marriage.

1579 — Union of Utrecht is signed, marking foundation of Dutch Republic.

1802 — Napoleon Bonaparte becomes president of Italian Republic.

1831 — Polish Diet proclaims independence of Poland, dethrones Nicholas, and deposes the Romanovs.

1944 — Battle for Cassino begins in Italy in World War II.

1962 — African heads of state of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Mali, Niger, Chad, and Mauritania issue charter for Pan-African cooperation.

1970 — Bus plunges into ravine near San Luis Potosi, Mexico, killing 25 persons.

1975 — Sheikh Mujibur Rahman abolishes parliamentary rule in Bangladesh and assumes executive powers as president.

1977 — Premier Rene Levesque of Quebec (Canada) says independence for the province speaking Canadian province appears imminent.

1981 — Fifty-two American hostages released by Iranian militants after 444 days of captivity return to United States, arriving at Westchester, New York.

1982 — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski attacks economic sanctions imposed by United States.

Thought for today:

A person is apt to follow the faith of his friends, so be careful with whom you make friends.

Prophet Muhammad

In a wide-ranging interview

Prince Talal says woman's public role should not be at the expense of her home

By Maher Abbas

Riyadh — Western media calls Prince Talal the "prince of poor children." No epithet could be more apt for a person who lives with the child in his own world trying to get a closer look at his concerns and sufferings. Prince Talal keeps himself aloof from official positions only to devote all his time to the welfare of the children of the Third World, specifically those of the Arab world.

Despite a busy schedule which he has to keep as special envoy of UNICEF and chairman of AGFUND, the prince was kind enough to allow Sayidat, a sister publication of Arab News, some of his precious time for an interview in which he expressed his views on the issue of the Arab family, especially those concerning women and children. And he gave his opinions with characteristic boldness. The first part of the interview is reproduced below:

Q: Your concern for children is based on the concept of participation by all members of the society. Will you kindly explain this aspect.

A: No society can develop without the child and mother, and without the active participation of both man and woman. When I say woman's participation I mean it seriously because participation does not mean mixing in any manner. You know, every country has its own circumstances and traditions. In Oman, for instance, the woman participates with man but, at the same time, remains attached to her customs and traditions. We in Saudi Arabia, do have male and female doctors as well as training schools for nurses. This shows that the woman take part but does not mix.

Q: What is your opinion about the role of women's charitable associations in Saudi Arabia in the field you have just mentioned?

A: We cannot afford to forget the role of women's associations and the voluntary work they can do. It is for the government to encourage these associations which extend valuable assistance to several families. If the citizens fail to make donations to these associations, it is only because they don't completely understand their role and also because our media has failed to highlight their activities.

Q: What is the nature of relations between the state and these associations?

A: These have been named charitable because of their fundamental reliance on public contribution. So everything should not be at the expense of the state. Like the state, others also must give, this very much applies to all citizens.

Q: In foreign countries the question often arises as to whether the Saudi woman feels any problem.

A: If you had come to me 40 years ago and asked whether the Saudi woman worked, I would have certainly said no. But today, nearly 30,000 women are in government service. The West wonders, though, this is a fact. The Saudi woman is a human being like her counterparts in other countries. It is quite natural for her to uphold her traditions. Obstacles do come in her way. This is only because her case has not been considered in a precise and scientific manner. What I would suggest is that a woman participate in work only half of her time, for she has to look after the domestic chores too. She has to fulfill the onerous task of upbringing the new generation. But if she only works at home, it would mean paralyzing half of the society. Now that we are at the end of the 20th century, the woman must participate in the society's growth, as it has been scientifically proved that she does not lack in productive energy in her field. But the fact is woman has been neglected by us for hundreds of years and, as a result her intellect and productive capability remain undeveloped.

Q: Why do some women give up teaching, especially after marriage?

A: This is sadly true. The reason is that woman considers administrative work as something more comfortable than teaching, but I believe that efforts are being made to tackle this phenomenon in the country. Education in itself is an elevated thing and there are many women who leave their high positions to take up teaching, for they consider it something of an intellectual pleasure. However, this problem will be solved with the passage of time, and the phenomenon is already under study with a view to convincing the woman that the teaching field gives her a



THE PRINCE OF POOR CHILDREN: Sitting on the lap of his father the late King Abdul Aziz is Prince Talal when he was a child. Below: Prince Talal with his son and daughter.



sense of sacrifice besides providing intellectual comfort.

Q: What is your opinion about the high cost of marriage and incidence of divorce among female university graduates?

A: It is a problem, no doubt. In this connection, it is worth recalling the legal opinion issued by the former mufti of Saudi Arabia, the late Sheikh Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim. "It is for the guardian of a Muslim to take measures that he deems necessary to tackle this phenomenon." In fact, the matter has become the topic of discussion among our youth. I had a dialogue with some of the students now in America. They reiterated that the high cost of marriage is a basic problem for them. One of them said that his uncle demands SR150,000 to marry off his daughter to him. This becomes impossible and, therefore, we find many Saudis marrying abroad for no reason other than the high cost of marriage here. But, at the same time, marrying foreigners always leads to a social problem. In case of divorce, one faces the problem of children: will they stay with the father or go back with mother? But some tribal chiefs in the south, held a meeting, assessed and specified the bridal money and all of them are adhering to it.

Q: Some people hold the view that only a married girl should join the university.

A: This is a big mistake. You can't have a

university exclusively for married women. It is for all and a girl and her guardian are free to do as they like without anyone discussing the matter. As regards the divorce among university graduates, a woman is after all a woman and divorce takes place for one basic reason, which is the influence of Western culture. A woman, especially an educated one, sees TV and video, travels abroad and has a close look at the free Western society. Generally, the Arab woman dreams of such a husband as she sees in films. I wish she saw the film hero without a make-up. And when she marries she comes to a clash with her dreams, for she dreams of something specific, but what is before her is just different. Man's case is no different.

In marriage, a woman is guided by her sentiments and not by her mind, and when she is guided only by sentiments the marriage is doomed to failure. An educated woman, however, is more well-prepared than an illiterate woman. For the latter is less aware of life and is likely to commit mistakes unintentionally or even without herself knowing it. As regards the problem of Saudi educated woman, the husband does not give her the importance she deserves but looks at her as something like an object of pleasure. This is incorrect because she is his life-partner and mother of his children. The fault, therefore, does not always lie with wife; husband is also

responsible. He must adjust his time between his wife and work. His staying away from home for long hours at night not only creates a vacuum for the wife but also affects production. He will go to work with his energy lost. It is for him, therefore, to rectify this mistake.

Q: The issues of driving by women and the import of foreign female labor are being raised from time to time.

A: When I hear recruitment of expatriates whose customs, traditions and faith are quite different from ours, I feel extremely sad. I quite disagree with the import of such types of people.

Regarding driving, there has been much interesting and frank discussion in the newspapers over the past few months. Women in Saudi Arabia now drives in the desert and in rural areas. You know that the Bedouin woman used to tend her cattle, but now she has children in schools and faces other problems of modern life. Under the pressure of social circumstances, she began to drive a car. But let us not forget that she also used to drive the camel. Driving as such has been in existence, in principle, in Saudi Arabia. But, whatever justification we put forward, the expatriates have introduced new concepts and some traditions which would be harmful to our society in the long run. These matters must be studied to avoid the kind of problems which have cropped up with the arrival of expatriates. Two months ago, Crown Prince Abdullah has stated these problems in the *Newsweek* magazine.

When we notice that a Saudi woman has left her kitchen in the care of an expatriate cook and has also given up her task as a housewife, we consider it a drawback in her. Earlier, a woman used to feel proud of her cooking abilities. Today, praise be to Allah, the educated Saudi young families have begun to look back to their old menu, such as *Jarish*, *Hamini* and *Saleeq*.

Q: There are some families who marry only among their tribe. What is your opinion about it?

A: It is a Saudi custom that a tribe does not marry except among its own folks. But this is wrong from the viewpoint of Islamic faith whose yardstick for discrimination among people is only piety. However, traditions still exist, but will fade with the passage of time.

Q: What is your view on women taking part in sports?

A: I call for sports not only in schools but also in clubs. I had voiced this matter a few months ago. I subscribe to the idea of Saudi women taking part in athletic activities in special clubs for them. There are now two views in the country: one opposes the idea while the other supports it. And I join those who support the idea, for one day clubs will be created for women.

Q: How do you see woman's responsibility toward the new generation?

A: She has a major responsibility. The situation has quite changed now because this movement is seen everywhere — in the house, in the street, in the car and school and among friends. Therefore, parents shoulder a heavy responsibility in preserving their traditions and culture and adopting from the West only what is good. Mothers in Saudi Arabia have been dazzled by the West, which is wrong. Family in the real sense of the word is not found in the West which is now suffering from family disintegration. We must, therefore, maintain our family ties.

Q: What is your comment on Saudi television programs for children and women?

A: Frankly, I am not pleased with them, but officials of my bureau have already met with Information Ministry officials and it was resolved to improve the programs. We hope there will be progress in the future.

Q: There are very few women writers in the Saudi press. What is the cause?

A: First of all, there is no journalism in the real sense of the word. I favor individual journalism and not the journalism of institutions. You find names of some women writers when you read the papers but there is some drawback from the side of women themselves. They ought to write about their fields and, after consolidating their roots, they can write on political matters. The Saudi woman must become active; she has a wide scope before her.

(Translated from Sayidat;
To be continued next Tuesday)

Another Look

Choice quotes from '82

By Robert Yoakum

The most perceptive Reagan quote: "I will feel equality has arrived when we can elect to office women who are as incompetent as some of the men who are already there." — Maureen Reagan, the president's daughter.

The quote that should put to rest forever the idea that Palm Beach, Florida, is a playground for the idle rich: "We have this terrible image that we play all the time. I went to three balls last week, and all of them were for charity." — Rose Sachs of Palm Beach.

Best quote about fishy activities in Congress: "Any bill coming out of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee ought to go straight to the grand jury." — An anonymous congressman, after pointing out that members of the MM&F Committee received many tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from shipping companies and the Seafarers' Union, and then voted a bill permitting the shipping industry to fix prices.

Did he also give us poison gas and Phyllis Schlafly? A longtime supporter of far-right causes, Phyllis Schlafly blasted the nuclear freeze movement with this quote: "The atomic bomb is a marvelous gift that was given to our country."

Quote that proves, if proof were needed, that stock-car drivers aren't fly fishing types: Explaining why he put a 300-hp motor on his lightweight 19-foot fishing boat, stock-car driver Neil Bonnett said: "You hook a bass at a hundred miles an hour and it takes the fight right out of him."

Nastiest quote about a newly-elected U.S. Senator, Paul Trible: "Richard Nixon without the charm." — A fellow conservative from Virginia, quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*.

A quote that you can bet your socks was made in 1982 and not during the presidential campaign of 1980: "There are too many imponderables for anyone to predict deficits or surpluses several years ahead with any

degree of accuracy." — President Reagan in the State of the Union address.

Best quote on what people have to put up with when dealing with the press, or vice-versa: "All I said was the trades were stupid and dumb, and they took that and blew it all out of proportion." — Ron Davis, Minnesota Twins pitcher, objecting to a newspaper story in which he was quoted as criticizing the club's management for trading away many of its top players.

What on earth does the president of the United States have to read, the *National Enquirer* and *Midnight Globe*? "It's a tonic to read your paper after some of the others I have to read." — President Reagan, quoted by the editor of the *New York Post*, generally conceded by journalists to be the worst metropolitan newspaper in the U.S.

You can say that again, judge: "Our public servants are not recruited from the seminaries and monasteries." — U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant, in overturning the conviction of former Representative Richard Kelly, who was caught in the FBI's Abecam investigation of congressional corruption.

Best summary by an ancient on 20th Century activities by the U.S. in Vietnam, the Germans in World War II, the Soviets in Afghanistan and Hungary, Israel in Lebanon, Iraq and Iran in each other's countries, and by many other nations too numerous to mention: "They made a desert and called it peace." — Tacitus, the Roman historian.

Best quote on how tough it is to find a humanitarian — but not too humanitarian — way of executing people: "Perhaps the firing squad is a step backward in terms of humanity, but I think we took a step too far in terms of the lethal injection." — Ken McClure, Deputy State Attorney of Idaho.

Or, to approach the problem from a different perspective: "I am not only for capital punishment, I'm also for the preservation of life." — A member of the Michigan legislature.

The quote that confirms some of our deepest suspicions: "Mr. Speaker, what bill did we pass?" — Another Michigan legislator.

French row over film by a Polish director

By Anthony Williams

PARIS (R) — A new film by Polish director Andrzej Wajda has caused a stir in French cultural circles, because some critics have interpreted it as a commentary on recent political events in the director's native country.

Danton features two leading figures of the French Revolution — Georges Danton and Maximilien Robespierre — and for some the film recalls suppression by the Polish authorities of the trade union Solidarity.

Parallels have been drawn between Danton and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, while Robespierre has been compared to Poland's military ruler Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Scenes of bread queues in the film made in France with a subsidy from the French and Polish governments and just released in Paris, could bring Poland to mind. Destruction of a publishing house by the revolutionary government of the 1790s might recall suppression of Solidarity.

But Wajda, who also directed *Man of Iron* about the rise of Solidarity, rejects direct comparisons. He told the French daily *Le Monde*: "In the film, Danton is not Lech Walesa, and Robespierre is not Jaruzelski."

Wajda also denied in the interview that the bread queue scenes were intended to recall the lot of the Poles, declaring: "There was famine in France in 1793."

Warning critics not to deduce too much about the film from the fact that he and his wife Christina were Solidarity militants, Wajda did however say that recent events in Poland had allowed him to make certain reflections on the French Revolution.

The film depicts the conflict between Danton, who thinks too much blood has been shed in the "terror" of the revolution, and Robespierre, whose aim is to see the revolution through to its natural conclusion.

Wajda based his material on a Polish play by an orthodox Communist writer, but he adapted the plot so the pragmatist, Danton, is seen more favorably than the dogmatist,

Robespierre.

The heads of both Danton and Robespierre eventually ended up in the guillotine basket, Danton's because he had become an opponent of the revolution and Robespierre's, whose execution came after the events portrayed in the film, because of his fervent attachment to the revolution's inevitability.

Because of its suggestion that revolutions are bound to end by devouring their own creators, the film has become a focus for ideological sparring between the French right and left. But *Danton*, in which the hero is played by French star Gerard Depardieu and Robespierre by a Polish actor, has disappointed officials of France's dominant Socialist Party because of its interpretation of events in 1793 and 1794.

President Francois Mitterrand has been reliably reported as privately expressing reservations, and Louis Mermaz, president of the French parliament, has accused Wajda of rewriting history. "Danton appears as someone who rejects the excesses of the revolution, but it must not be forgotten that he played his role... He was an artisan of the terror," Mermaz said.

The Socialist politician argued that Danton himself did not have clean hands, having been personally responsible for a massacre of royalist prisoners.

He and colleagues in the Socialist Party, which still looks to Robespierre as a source of inspiration, argue that the man who sent Danton to the guillotine had to act firmly against rebellion because France was under threat of invasion.

Some critics have said that if Danton is not Walesa, then he is someone who believes the revolution has gone too far and no more can be gained from senseless blood-letting.

He is clearly portrayed as someone for whom the revolution has lost any link with the people of France it was meant to liberate. He accuses Robespierre of knowing nothing of that people he refers to so often in his speeches.



HISTORY BY VIDEO: Under a new method of history teaching going on in West Germany, a bus equipped with a video set drives school-children to historical sites. They look through the windows at a particular place and are then shown how the site was before World War II.

WEAKENING YOUR HEART



Dear Dr. Steiner: Three packs of cigarettes a day, and my husband says it won't weaken his heart. I know what you'll say. — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: Before I explain how your husband is going about devitalizing his heart (the life-giving muscle), I think I should remind him about the importance of the pump known as the heart.

This busy half-pound, or so, little muscle-bundle begins to beat months before we are born. From the moment the first electrical impulse has stimulated it into action, this miraculous organ continues to force blood to every last pore of our body. Without its sustenance, the brain, liver, lungs, kidneys, tongue, arms, legs, etc., would become helpless. Your heart never takes a prolonged vacation. It doesn't slow down occasionally, as does the brain, kidneys or muscles of the legs or diaphragm. Whether you work or rest, sleep or become active, eat or starve, you can depend upon it that your heart will conscientiously give of its all (the all-or-none law) every moment of the 24 hours. Every moment of the week, month and year. As many years as the rest of you lives and requires nourishment. Tireless is as good a description as any. Mostly it goes about its work quietly, except for an occasional skip. You don't have to push a button to start it, to make it beat faster, or to slow it down. To sum up, I think you will agree it's a miracle pump.

Now, I ask you, Mr. U., isn't it thankful to put a burden on your heart's coronary arteries by smoking? You're doing everything you can to put your life-giving pump out of commission. Another way of saying you may be committing slow suicide. Is your wife after you, Mr. U? Better listen to her.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steiner: My husband has no patience. He has been having trouble with his stomach. Our family doctor assured him that all X-rays and other tests were all right. His trouble is a "nervous stomach" with high acidity. Our doctor prescribed tranquilizers and antacids. But, before giving them a chance to help my husband is off on a round of seeing many other doctors. He doesn't give them any chance, either, for a satisfactory opportunity to help. Meanwhile, our medicine cabinet is stocked with all kinds of unused medicines. What to do? — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: I've known many patients like your husband. In some cases, they admitted seeing as many as 15 doctors within a year. I believe that the motive behind many cases of such "medical shopping" is an unconscious need for retention of illness. In many similar patients, only psychiatric advice was helpful in getting them off the medical merry-go-round.

For Mrs. T.: Maybe your husband is having a reaction to the medicine he is taking. In many instances, patients 75 and over can't absorb, handle and excrete medications. Sometimes they require only one-half or one-quarter the dosage prescribed for younger patients.

(Tomorrow: Digital checkup of rectum)

Dr. Peter J. Steiner M.D., F.A.C.P.

Paving way to recovery

U.S. aide foresees interest rates falling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan predicted that U.S. interest rates would fall by at least two more percentage points this year, paving the way for an economic recovery that would grow increasingly stronger. "I think interest rates can and will come down in '83," Regan said in a television interview.

He specifically predicted that the prime rate, the interest banks charge their best corporate customers, would decline from its current 11 percent to nine percent or less this year.

The treasury secretary conceded U.S. interest rates could rise slightly again in 1984 as the economy began to experience substantial growth.

As for the overall state of the U.S. economy, which has been in recession for 18 months, Regan said: "I think we are going to have a decent recovery, slow at first but getting stronger in the (second half of the year)." But he said this recovery could be jeopardized if the Federal Reserve Board.

Socialists flay rightist policy

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Seven Socialist heads of government stressed at an informal meeting here that there was a democratic Socialist path out of the present world economic crisis.

The Socialist leaders — Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez, Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu, Finnish Premier Kalevi Sorsa, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, Swedish Premier Olof Palme, Senegalese Premier Hahih Thiam and French Premier Pierre Mauroy — were taking part in a French Socialist organized conference entitled "actors of change."

While making clear that Socialists had no magic solutions, speakers expressed the view that the right only offered old-fashioned and out of date conservatism while Communist ideology had clearly failed and the Eastern bloc was in the words of Kreisky in the midst of a "serious economic crisis."

Both Finland's Sorsa and Spain's Gonzalez emphasized that to get out of the present economic crisis required a common effort. Sweden's Palme said this "solidarity" must lead to a "concerted expansion" by all countries to give a new impetus to growth as a prerequisite for conquering unemployment.

America's central bank, did not formulate a suitable monetary policy.

Regan said the U.S. unemployment rate might not have reached its current level of 10.8 percent if the central bank had pursued "a more precise monetary policy."

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker urged the reserve board to ease its strict monetary policy, saying it had done "too much for too long" in keeping a tight rein on money supply. "We need a downward pitch on interest rates," he said in a separate television interview.

The treasury secretary repeatedly refused to give any details about the 1984 financial year budget which President Reagan is scheduled to unveil on Jan. 31. But he repeated an earlier pledge that there would be no new taxes in 1983 or 1984.

The Reagan administration has been severely criticized by opposition Democrats for not doing enough to lower federal budget deficits which will exceed \$200 billion over the next few years if Congress does not cut spending or raise taxes.

UAE, Japan plan biggest water plant

ABUDHABI, Jan. 24 (WAM) — Emirate of Abu Dhabi and Japan will jointly install the world's largest desalination plant which will make use of solar energy for its power, the English language daily, *Gulf News* has reported.

Officials from the Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Department and a visiting 11-member delegation led by the Executive Director of the New Energy Development Organization (NEDO) Tetsuo Yamasaki who have been on a visit of several days to Abu Dhabi signed the agreement for the plant's construction.

Costs for the plant's installation amounting to 30 million dirhams (\$7.75 million) will be borne both by Japan and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, Yamasaki said.

Work on the plant, which will have an approximate capacity of 80 tons of potable water per day, due to commence within a month and completed one and a half years later.

Yamasaki said the plant was being constructed on an experimental basis although NEDO had earlier installed a similar plant hut with a smaller capacity on a Japanese island.

He said the Japanese government had chosen Abu Dhabi for installation of the plant because of the favorable sunshine here throughout the year and also because Japan had strong economic ties with the UAE.

Taipei takes step to woo capital

TAIPEI, Jan. 24 (CNA) — In an effort to encourage more foreign investment, the Chinese government on Taiwan has decided to open three new areas to investment by foreign nationals and overseas Chinese. They are: foodstuffs, cosmetics, and trading companies. The last will be open to only overseas Chinese.

There are conditions, however: the investments, which will be approved on a case-by-case basis, must contribute to Republic of China's economic development and must undertake to export a certain minimum percentage of their output so as not to glut the local market, according to C.Y. Wu, executive secretary of the Investment Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Republic of China.

A factory that processes foodstuffs, for example, should contribute to an increase in the purchases of local agricultural products; or a cosmetics firm should help to upgrade the local packaging industry.

Production loss mounts

Strikes plague French car units

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — The French motor industry is suffering from a series of bottleneck strikes, after a year in which lost production totaled around 100,000 vehicles in three major conflicts.

The present strikes by assembly line workers have brought production to a halt at five factories in the Paris region.

The Renault works at Flins west of the capital has been at a standstill since Jan. 6 when paintshop workers went on strike. The management subsequently locked out nearly 11,000 workers.

The group's Billancourt plant in the south west suburbs has been disrupted since Jan. 11, first by the paintshop workers there and then by upholstery workers from last Friday.

Citroen at Levallois in the north west suburbs came to a halt Wednesday when a section of the employees downed tools. Chausson in nearby Gennevilliers ceased production last Tuesday when 1,000 of its 3,900 workforce went on strike.

As in 1982, production line workers are at the root of the conflicts. They are mainly North Africans and black Africans and their action is the expression of dislike for mental work that holds no future for them.

The strikes have started at rank and file level, with workers demanding that their qualifications be officially recognized in the form of a "coefficient" in relation to the pay scale.

The left wing unions, chiefly the pro-Communist General Labor Confederation (CGT) and the pro-Socialist Democratic

Labor Confederation (CFDT), have no choice but to back the strike, while the managements are adhering to the Socialist government's austerity policy.

In this field where immigrant workers are in the majority, the consensus in labor relations which the government has enjoyed since Francois Mitterrand was elected president on May 10, 1981, is no longer operative.

The future of the companies of the French economy and the Socialist experiment is hardly taken into account. Exhortations on austerity have little effect.

On the assembly lines, where monthly wages go from 4,000 to 5,000 francs (about \$570 to \$700), the predominant impression is that the "change" heralded by the left wing government's arrival in power is still to come.

The 1982 strikes at Renault, Citroen and Talbot enabled immigrant workers to voice their views and obtain a few guarantees concerning workers' dignity. But they did not affect the basic problem of assembly line working.

The nature of the work is only part of the story, for the workforce are worried about the future. There is no doubt in the minds of the line workers that robots will soon take over from the men, who sense that they are not being fitted for other jobs.

Consequently they seek an upgrading of the tasks, bonuses on a permanent basis to cover specific jobs that could disappear. They want training for genuine promotion.

U.S. grain stockpiles hit record high

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP) — America's stockpiles of corn, wheat, and soybeans hit record highs on Jan. 1 and inventories of sorghum, oats, barley, and rice were up from the previous two years, the U.S. Agriculture Department has reported.

The surpluses have been forcing down market prices to depression-era levels and severely strapping the United States' rural economy to the point that President Ronald Reagan has proposed giving away surplus crops to farmers who cut down on their sowing this year.

According to the USDA report, corn stocks as of Jan. 1 stood at a record 8.42 billion bushels, 21 percent higher than a year ago. Of that, the government owned 398 million bushels and controlled through long-term price support programs another 1.96 billion bushels.

Wheat stocks, according to the report, totaled a record 2.52 billion bushels, 16 percent higher than last year, with 179 million owned by the government and more than 1 billion federally controlled through long-term price support programs.

The report put the total soybean stockpile at a record 1.83 billion bushels, up 12 percent from 1982, although demand during the first four months of last year was 4 percent higher than for the comparable period in 1981.

Video caught between Japan-EEC crossfire

KADOMA, Japan, Jan. 24 (R) — A worldwide sales boom has thrust home video tape recorders (VTR) to the center stage of the dispute between Japan and its trading partners.

Until recently the VTR was not a major factor in the trade war which had mainly involved cars, machine tools and color television sets. But the video craze around the world has changed the situation.

France has already acted to stem the VTR flow from Japan by channelling imports through a single customs post in the inland town of Poitiers, where handling facilities are minimal.

And the European Economic Community as a whole is now preparing for a major assault on the product which contributed to Japan's \$14 billion surplus in trade with the community in 1982.

First signs of a VTR confrontation came in December when the Common Market commission said it would monitor its imports. It also recognized complaints from Grundig of West Germany and the Dutch firm Philips which alleged that Japanese models were being sold in Europe below cost.

At the first round of 1983 trade talks

between the community and Japan 10 days ago, the VTR featured in a list of items Tokyo was asked to curb. The other items were numerically-controlled machine tools, cars and color TV.

The talks ended in stalemate, with the Japanese side saying it wanted the French restrictions to end. VTR is likely to be high on the agenda when negotiations resume Jan. 25, Japanese trade ministry sources said.

Ahead of the meeting, and next month's visit to Japan by commission Vice-President Wilhelm Haferkamp to discuss trade, two Japanese VTR makers have announced plans to establish production centers in Europe.

Sanyo Electric Company said it will start making 5,000 VTRs a month in Britain from September, later raising it to 10,000.

Matsushita announced the creation of a joint venture with Robert Bosch of West Germany to produce 30,000 sets monthly from this month. Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said it was considering plans to produce sets in Britain.

Industry sources said the plants could go some way in helping reduce imports into

Europe. But the planned output was meager compared with Japan's total VTR production last year of 12.8 million, 30 percent of it by Matsushita.

Latest figures released by the Japanese Electronics Industries Association put total exports for the first 11 months of 1982 at 9.7 million, a 49.6 percent increase over the same 1981 period.

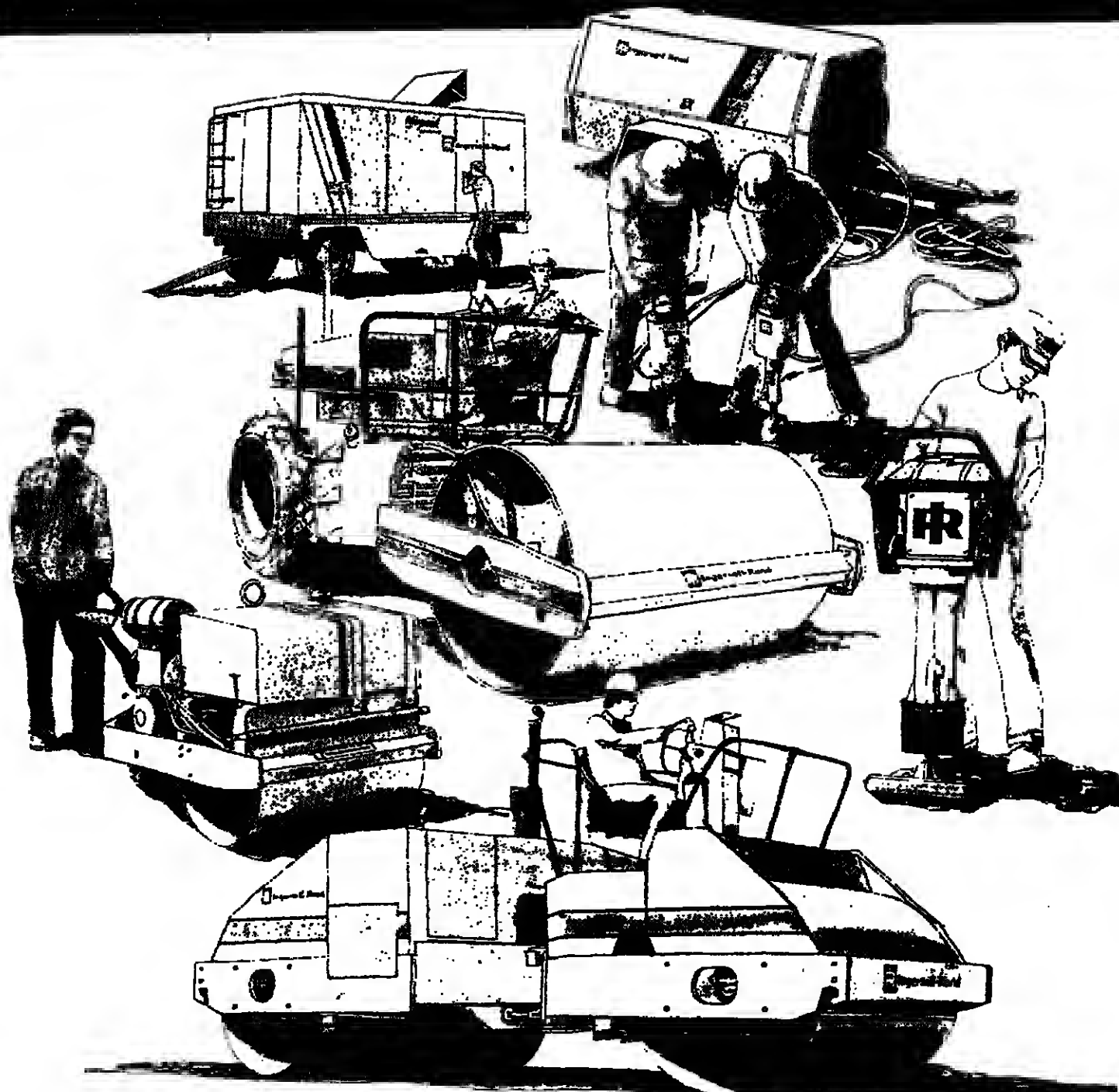
Of the total, shipments to the Common Market in November alone were 484,500 sets, 54.4 percent more than in November 1981. Exports to France that month more than doubled to 69,150.

Matsushita started research into VTRs in 1956, unveiled a reel-to-reel industrial model in 1964 and started massive marketing of the recorders in 1977.

In the last five years, several Japanese companies have entered the business and industry analysts say competition has been intensifying against a background of oversupply, falling prices and a steady accumulation of stocks.

At the end of last year Sony Corporation said it was holding nearly four months' stock, worth about 370 billion yen (\$1.6 billion), and cut production to 150,000 a month against its capacity of 200,000.

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3rd World faces bleak outlook

GENEVA, Jan. 24 (Dephnews) — It should come as no surprise to anyone that "the developing world is facing its gravest economic crisis since the Great Depression."

The price of food, the absence and cost of housing and basic services and the volume of unemployment make that obvious enough.

But Gamani Corea, in his role as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, chose to open his 1982 report with that observation and the figures he offered to back his judgment are news — sad and predictable as they are.

The 1982 Trade and Development Report suggested that gross domestic product (GDP) in the Third World would have to exceed 6 percent a year just to hold the lid on already high unemployment. Last year it reports that the developing countries failed to come even close to a holding action and that the least developed nations had made no headway at all.

Third World oil importers recorded a GDP of only 1.5 percent in 1981 compared with 4.9 percent in 1980 and the least developed barely held to the 1980 figure of 2.8 percent.

One of the few things to grow, apart from unemployment and desperation during the 1980-81 period, was the collective current account deficit which rose from \$76 billion to \$92 billion.

According to the report, the principal characters influencing the present world economy are slow growth in the developed world (1.3 percent in 1980 and 1981) and price inflation, which have given rise to a

contraction in import demand, depressed terms of trade, growing protectionism, the stagnation of foreign aid and the abrupt rise of interest rates in the international capital market. The report notes that for every percentage point increase in interest rates in the Eurocurrency markets, annual interest payments of the developing countries as a whole, rose by as much as \$2 billion.

The economic problems of the developed countries are being transmitted to the developing countries through a variety of channels and there is little room for maneuver, says Gamani Corea.

"Policies to deal with inflation have increased borrowing costs, and trade policies are evolving in a way that calls into doubt the future dynamism of international trade; particularly for products of special importance to developing countries... Inflation in the world

economy and the deterioration in the terms of trade of non-oil exporting developing countries have enlarged current account deficits and reduced for many developing countries the benefits derived from participating in the international trading system. The international financial system appears to have lost a good deal of the flexibility which it had formerly provided to developing countries to offset the negative influences of the external environment and to mobilize resources required for the transformation of their economies."

Corea said that the range of effective policies available to developing countries in the world economy had not only narrowed in recent years but the effectiveness of those remaining had been reduced. The trading system and the financial monetary systems had become less and less compatible.

France acts to combat poverty

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand was Monday discussing France's "new poor" with officials from eight relief bodies.

On Wednesday the cabinet is expected to examine a draft program to combat poverty. The new poverty, which social workers generally consider to have arisen from about 1976 onward as a consequence of the economic crisis, is far from being a marginal problem.

About 1,500,000 households, 8.5 percent of the total, have an overall income that is 40 percent or more below the average income figure, the Church organization Secours Catholique found in a survey.

"The new poverty is growing fast, many experts say. Households who could make ends meet not so long ago are now caught in a nightmare world of unemployment, sickness, broken families and misunderstandings with government departments."

Aid applications received by relief organizations have tripled in three years. Last year Secours Catholique received 250,000 requests concerning 600,000 people. It says one in five persons ask for food, others ask for electricity bills to be paid, for clothes and for

money.

An official of the organization noted: "We find more people are on the survival line. Our figures show that 30.3 percent have no resources at all, 72 percent have only 25 francs (roughly \$4) a day."

Other statistics show that in 1977 some 500,000 people were living in insanitary accommodation, and 1,360,000 homes were overcrowded. In 1981 some 412,000 people out of work had no unemployment benefit whatsoever. In 1980 for those on the organization's books, the average unemployment period was 10 months in 1980 against 7.5 months in 1975.

Social workers say today's typical poverty victim is Lynch, under 40, married and with no specialist trade qualifications. Half the "new poor" are women on their own.

One social worker says bitterly: "The new poor have no place in today's society, they do not produce results, they do not exist economically or administratively. If you are workless, cashless, hungry, in debt or thrown out of your home, these days you can become one of the 8,000 people wandering the streets of Paris with nowhere to go."

ICO may monitor coffee exports

MANILA, Jan. 24 (AP) — A proposal for a close monitoring of coffee exported to countries outside the International Coffee Organization (ICO) will be discussed at a three-day ICO executive board meeting in Manila, conference sources said Monday.

The meeting, opening Tuesday, is to be attended by 80 representatives from about 25 ICO member governments and observer countries.

ICO administers the International Coffee Agreement which establishes an export quota system designed to stabilize the price of coffee at levels considered fair by producers and acceptable to consumers.

Of the 71 ICO members, 47 are exporting countries accounting for 99 percent of the world's coffee production. Twenty-four are

importing countries which account for some 90 percent of world consumption. Brazil is the world's biggest coffee producer.

Conference sources, who asked not to be identified, said one agenda topic is a proposal by some producer countries to improve monitoring of coffee sold by exporting member countries to non-members to make sure it does not go to importing member countries. "If such trade runs out of control, it could affect the prices of coffee," the sources said.

The sources said the volume of coffee exported to non-members the past two years had gone up from 5 million bags to 8 million bags. "Either the coffee is sold cheaper to those countries or people there are drinking more coffee, but we want to be sure," the sources said.

Shipping agents go on warpath

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Shipping agents representing many of the world's major lines have launched a revolt against attempts to make them liable for fines of up to 100,000 pounds (\$150,000) for any rate-cutting offences within the Far Eastern Freight Conference (FEFC), the *Lloyds' List* reported Monday.

The agents are telling their principals that clauses in the conference's tough new self-policing agreement are "unacceptable."

The Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA) protested in a circular about the "outrageous" powers granted to the neutral body set to enforce the agreement.

Under the agreement the 33 members of FEFC have given a team of investigators authority to enter offices of the companies or their agents at will and examine confidential documents and even personal property, the shipping journal said.

Agents were being asked to check to what extent the provisions of the agreement may be illegal in their countries, in regard to both domestic and European Economic Community laws.

Japan 'manipulating' prices of beef

TOKYO, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Japanese beef prices have been kept at the highest level in the world by price manipulation by a state-run corporation, an official survey has shown.

The Administrative Management Agency survey showed that a government-financed huffer stock was not working to keep beef prices at appropriate levels but was rather fanning price spirals.

According to the agency officials, in the spring of 1974 when prices were galloping ahead, the Livestock Industry Promotion Corporation stopped releasing supplies and instead continued to build up stockpiles. This helped to keep the uptrend. The corporation handles 90 percent of Japan's beef imports. Japan's beef consumption totaled 420,000 tons in fiscal 1980, four times the fiscal 1960 level.

French firm wins \$17m Greek deal

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — CGEE-Alsthom announced that it has won a 120 million franc (\$17 million) order for electrical equipment to be used at the Ptolemais Lignite Mine in Greece.

It will provide a conveyor system between the mine and the nearby Agios Dimitrios Power Station, incorporating special electric motors.

CGEE-Alsthom has previously supplied to Greece for various power stations, the Elefsis Refinery and the Kamari Cement works.

Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — The American currency seemed set on a remarkable turnaround when the European markets reopened Monday. The dollar made record gains against the other currencies with sterling and the French franc coming under sharp pressure.

The dollar was boosted by some modest rises in Eurodollar deposit rates which took the one-month inter-bank deposit rate to over the 9 percent level and the one-year deposit at around the 9 9/16 percent level. Trading was active with dealers scrambling to cover short dollar positions that had been optimistically run down last week.

In the money markets there were red faces all around as the professionals grudgingly admitted that they had got it so wrong on their forecasts about dollar interest rates. Despite some last minute comments by the U.S. treasury secretary that interest rates in the U.S. will fall by about 2 percent more in the coming year, the money markets seemed once again to be obsessed with the latest weekly U.S. money supply figures which showed a huge rise of \$6.9 billion for the M-1 measurement. The fact that there was now less and less talk about a discount rate cut by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board added to the uncertainties and the dollar picked more than it had lost over the past few weeks.

On the exchange the sterling hit a record seven-year low against the dollar at 1.5395 at one stage from 1.5430 opening level in

London.

The OPEC oil output and price deliberation in Vienna on Sunday seemed to weigh heavily against sterling and the pound literally crashed on the exchanges despite some last minute support from the Bank of England. The French franc fell to a new low of 7.0310 levels on Monday after having seen the 6.6300 levels only two weeks ago and the French government had to put out a hasty statement that it was not planning to raise another \$3 billion jumbo loan on the Eurodollar markets. But with interest differentials at where they are now, the dollar stormed the markets and even the Japanese yen fell back to 241.80 levels from 234.00 earlier last week. The Swiss franc traded at around 2.0280 (from 1.9810) while the German mark fell to 2.4780 levels from (2.442/4510 levels).

On the bullion markets gold and silver retreated in the fact of the dollar's climb and gold traded at around \$473 an ounce from \$486 levels in New York, while silver fell to \$12.32 an ounce (from \$12.75 Friday closing levels).

In the local markets, rial deposit rates opened mixed but picked up sharply as trading activities become more energetic after the Saturday/Sunday lethargic pace. Week-fixed rials were traded around 6 1/4-7 1/4 percent levels, while the one-month JIBOR was quoted around 6 3/4-7 1/4 percent level. Spot rial/dollar rate was firm at around 3.4403-08 levels in moderate trading.

Small farmers swindled in Kenya

NAIROBI, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Nearly 20 years after independence, ownership of land remains Kenya's most burning social issue, with land distribution controversies involving government officials and private farm-buying companies a continuing problem.

President Daniel Arap Moi's address to two of the largest land-buying companies in Nakuru, 155 kms northwest of here on Friday, indicated the government's concern to eradicate the widespread inequalities in the already sensitive issues. Reports of irregularities in the distribution process, and swindling of hapless small-scale farmers of their life savings are a daily occurrence here.

The land issue in this former British colony was a major source of discontent even during the colonial era among indigenous Kenyans who felt that they had been robbed of the land which rightfully belonged to them. On independence in 1963, the government with financial assistance from Britain embarked on an extensive exercise of buying land from the white settlers and settling landless people on it. But when the government allowed individuals to form land-buying cooperatives to supplement its efforts, corruption crept in, and some of the people who paid their money to the cooperatives soon after independence have still not been settled.

Three organizations have been in the center of the land wrangles for some time:

Gikuyu, Embu and Meru Association (GEMMA), Mutukania-Ngwanjiri Company and Ndeffo, an association formed by former nationalist guerrillas. The majority of those involved were Kikuyus, the tribe which suffered the most displacement problems since their land was in the productive highlands.

The government banned GEMMA and other tribal associations in 1979 but the two others have continued to cause problems with disension surfacing between company members and directors. Early this month, 7,000 out of a total 55,000 members of Mutukania-Ngwanjiri Company were asked to pay an extra \$833 in addition to their original \$127 as a precondition to their being settled.

Irate members who saw no justification in the move by the company directors sought protection from the president.

The cherished asset of Ndeffo company, a building in the heart of Nakuru, was put up for auction for alleged non-payment of a loan. Some 300 company members who denied the non-payment charges launched an operation to guard the building from being sold off, threatening to kill anybody who dared to buy it.

President Moi's speech in Nakuru last week was seen as preemptive move to head off a bloody confrontation between directors of the companies and angry members, after a clash in 1977 killed six persons.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Monday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.14	9.14
Saudi Rial (100)	14.20	14.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	71.90	71.90
Canadian Dollar	281.00	281.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.00	139.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	127.20
Egyptian Pound	3.23	3.17
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	50.00	49.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	38.50	41.00
Indian Rupee (100)		34.93
Iranian Rial (100)		6.25
Israeli Lira (10,000)	24.50	24.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.30
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.65
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.82	11.82
Lebanese Lira (100)	88.00	86.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)	55.00	54.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	27.00
Philippine Peso (100)		37.40
Portuguese Escudo (100)	5.40	5.25
Qatari Rial (100)	94.50	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.50
Swiss Franc (100)	170.00	169.60
Syrian Lira (100)	62.00	61.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)		61.50
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.10	75.25

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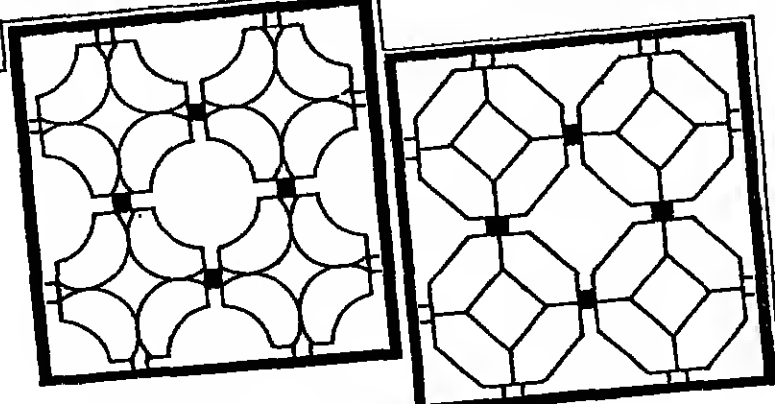
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Ending 76ers 14-game run

Moncrief dazzles in Bucks' fine win

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP) — Sidney Moncrief started playing better offense when he had to play less defense, and that spelled the end of the Philadelphia 76ers' 14-game winning streak.

Moncrief scored 30 points in the second half, to help the Milwaukee Bucks defeat Philadelphia 107-96 Sunday ending the longest winning streak in the National Basketball Association this season. It was the first loss for the 76ers since Dec. 18.

Moncrief scored only six points in the first half while guarding 76ers guard Andrew Toney. But when Toney went to the bench with his fourth foul early in the third quarter and was replaced by Clint Richardson, Moncrief went to work.

The Milwaukee guard had 16 points in the third period as Bucks outscored the 76ers 28-19 in the quarter for an 84-79 lead. Then Moncrief scored the Bucks' first eight points of the fourth quarter as they moved ahead 94-85 with 5:55 to play.

Marques Johnson had 29 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists for the Bucks, who lead the Central Division with a 29-14 record. Philadelphia is now 34-6.

The Bucks, not a strong rebounding team this season, held the 76ers to a 42-42 stand-off. Philadelphia's Moses Malone added 16 rebounds to his NBA-leading total but got only six on the offensive end. Malone and Toney led Philadelphia in scoring with 21 points each, while Julius Erving was held to 14 on 5-of-18 shooting.

Celtics 105, Cavaliers 91: Robert Parish had 26 points and 19 rebounds to lead Boston over Cleveland despite an injury to Larry Bird. Bird hurt his left heel in the first quarter after giving the Celtics a 10-point lead, but after he departed the Cavaliers tied the game 53-53.

And when Parish scored eight points in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second half to help Boston regain its 10-point lead at 69-59, Cleveland again fought back to narrow the deficit to 76-74 after three quarters. World

Free led all scorers with 31 points for the Cavaliers, while Cliff Robinson added 27.

Suns 102, Kings 92: Walter Davis scored 25 points and Maurice Lucas 20 as Phoenix defeated Kansas City. The Kings narrowed a nine-point, fourth-quarter deficit to one on a basket by Brook Stepp with 3:50 remaining. But the Suns responded with a 15-4 spurt to hand the Kings only their fifth home-court loss in 21 games.

Nets 105, Sonics 102: Buck Williams had 21 points and 20 rebounds as New Jersey won its 14th game in 16 starts and handed Seattle its ninth consecutive road defeat.

Williams converted eight of 12 shots and pulled down 10 offensive and 10 defensive rebounds for the Nets. Albert King added 19 points and Darvin Cook scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter for New Jersey. Jack Sikma led the Supersonics with 23 points.

Blazers 108, Spurs 107: Mychal Thompson scored 25 points and Jim Paxson 24, including a three-point play with five seconds left, to lead Portland over San Antonio.

The Spurs, who were led by Artis Gilmore and Mike Dunleavy, rallied from a six-point deficit with 2:20 to play to lead 104-103, but Calvin Nat's short jumper from the baseline with 25 seconds remaining put the Blazers ahead to stay. After a San Antonio miss Maxson made his three-point play to clinch the victory.

Lakers 195, Pacers 102: Bob McAdoo hit a short jumper with 59 seconds remaining and then added a free throw with 11 seconds left to lift Los Angeles over Indiana.

The Pacers trailed most of the game, but with Herb Williams scoring 14 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, they rallied to take a 102-101 lead before McAdoo's jumper put the Lakers ahead to stay.

Jamaal Wilkes paced the scoring for the Lakers, who haven't lost to the Pacers in a five-year period spanning 11 meetings, with 28 points. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 26 and Norm Nixon 20 for Los Angeles. Billy Knight added 22 points for Indiana.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division					Western Conference Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	34	9	.789	—	San Antonio	26	18	.591	—
Boston	31	9	.773	3	Kansas City	25	17	.575	1
New Jersey	27	15	.643	8	Denver	20	24	.455	6
Washington	17	23	.425	17	Dallas	18	22	.450	8
New York	15	26	.366	19 1/2	Utah	18	26	.409	8
Central Division					Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	29	14	.674	—	Los Angeles	31	8	.795	—
Atlanta	20	20	.500	7 1/2	Phoenix	27	14	.658	6
Detroit	21	21	.500	7 1/2	Portland	26	16	.619	6 1/2
Chicago	14	27	.341	14	Seattle	24	18	.571	8 1/2
Indiana	13	27	.325	16 1/2	Golden State	18	25	.419	15
Cleveland	7	33	.175	24 1/2	San Diego	12	31	.279	21

Andersson shocks Korchnoi to strengthen lead

WIJK-AAN-ZEE, Holland, Jan. 24 (AP) — Swedish grandmaster Andersson scored a lucky win against exiles Soviet grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi in eighth-round play to strengthen his lead in the 45th annual Hoogovens Chess Tournament Sunday.

Playing black in a Bogo-Indian defense, Andersson had a cramped game and seemed certain to lose. But in time trouble, Korchnoi first overlooked a combination that would have won him a piece and then blundered away his advantage. The two-time challenger of world champion Anatoly Karpov made it to the time control, but resigned in a hopeless position on his 59th move.

With six points for an unbeaten show of

four victories and four draws, Andersson is one point ahead of Hungary's Zoltan Ribli and Britain's John Nunn, his nearest rivals in the field of 14 entrants.

Ribli was held to a draw with white in 63 moves from an English opening against Former U.S. champion Walter Browne, while Nunn moved into second place after defeating Icelandic grandmaster Fridrik Olafsson in 39 moves with white from a Sicilian Defense.

Yasser Seirawan of the U.S. fell back to a shared fourth place after losing his game with white against Holland's John Van Der Wiel. The 22-year-old American, who had the best



WHERE THERE IS A WILL... Two handicapped persons epitomize the old adage where there is a will there is a way with their determined effort to forge ahead. Walter Zierl (left) of Austria is seen here practicing for the downhill skiing event for the International Winter Games for the disabled, while Erik Sandbraten of Norway is gearing up for the long distance event.

After a playoff with Caldwell Fergus grabs Bob Hope title

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Jan. 24 (AP) — Keith Fergus, who forced a playoff with a dramatic 90th-hole birdie, subdued Rex Caldwell with a routine par-3 on the first extra hole Sunday and took the title in the Bob Hope Desert Classic.

Fergus and Caldwell each had a final-round 65, seven-under-par, and tied the scoring record for this five-day tournament at 335, 25 strokes under par.

Fergus, now the winner of a PGA tour title in each of the last three seasons, blew the lead with an errant shot into the water on the 16th hole, then regained a tie and forced the playoff with a 20-foot (6-meter) birdie putt on the final hole at the La Quinta Country Club Course.

Caldwell, not yet a winner in nine years of tour activity, was standing by the 18th green when Fergus' ball found the cup and graced in frustration. On the first playoff hole, the par-3 15th, Caldwell pushed his tee shot far to the right of the green under a tree. Fergus got his safely on the putting surface.

Caldwell had to play his second shot left-handed and got it on the fringe of the green. His putt missed, and he marked his ball, lying three.

Fergus ran his approach putt to within inches of the hole then tapped it in for the victory, worth \$67,500 from the total purse of \$375,000. Caldwell, who was third in this tournament a year ago, won \$40,500.

Masters champion Craig Stadler, continued to have putting problems and finished third at 339, four strokes out of the playoff. He had a closing 69. John Fought, who led at the end of the third and fourth rounds, and Chip Beck were at 340. Doug Tewell was next at 343-342.

PGA title-holder Ray Floyd, who got a

share of the lead with a birdie on the third hole was well back at 343 after a 73. Also at that figure were Tze-Chung Chen of Taiwan, and Bob Gilder. Chen closed up with a 64, the best round of the day, and Gilder shot 69. Gil Morgan could do no better than a 73 and was far back at 354.

Jack Nicklaus completed his first start of the season with an erratic 71. Fergus, who had 65 on the last three rounds, took command from a closely-hunched pack with a 31 over the front side. He birdied the 13th with a little chip to three feet, and scored from 25 feet on the 15th.

That gave him a two-shot lead over Caldwell, who was playing in front of him. Caldwell sank a long birdie putt on the 16th. Fergus followed immediately by driving into the water on the right. It set up a bogey and they were tied.

Caldwell then grabbed a birdie on the 17th. That put him ahead by one. Then Fergus played the 18th and made the birdie that forced the playoff.

Jubail too catches road race bug

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Jan. 24 — The Eastern Province road running explosion has spread from Aramco and UPM to the new industrial city of Jubail.

Pan Am Airlines is sponsoring a 10-kilometer Road Race there on Friday, Feb. 4, open to males over the age of 10. The course goes through Hail Al-Huwailat, south on T101, around Hail 8A and North on Beach Park.

Registration is between 8 and 9 a.m. with the race starting at 9:30 a.m. Application forms are available at compound recreation centers throughout the Eastern Province and should be returned with a SR 20 entry fee to Hail 8 Recreation Center in Jubail by Jan. 29. The first prize is a Dhahran to New York return ticket.

Germans ride to glory

SAN SEBASTIAN, Jan. 24 (APF) — West German brothers Fritz and Dietrich Thurau won the Euskadi (Basque country) six hours cycling race here Saturday night. Bernard Hinault of France, entering for the first time, placed ninth with his teammate and compatriot Pascal Poisson.

As Housley tricks

Sabres flash past Jets

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP) — Buffalo Defenseman Phil Housley scored his first National Hockey League hat-trick to lead the Sabres to a 5-2 victory Sunday over the Winnipeg Jets.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Gaetan Duchesne scored at 8:52 of the second period, six seconds after Washington killed New Jersey's double power play, providing the winning margin as the Capitals defeated the Devils 3-1 in a closely-contested clash.

Jaroslav Pouzar had two goals and an assist

Algerian keeper to join Manic

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 24 — The Montreal Manic of the North American Soccer League recently obtained the release of goalkeeper Mehdi Cerbah from the Algerian Football Federation and signed him in a three-year contract.

Cerbah met with Manic Vice President Jacques Burelle in Paris last month and agreed to terms on the contract but needed Algeria's release to complete the deal. Cerbah is expected to join the Manic soon. "That he became available is one of the breaks of the game and certainly a major stroke of luck for us," Manic General Manager Roger Samson said.

Meanwhile, after winning Wimbledon for the second time and the U.S. Open for the fourth time, Jimmy Connors has been named player of the year by the Association of Tennis Professionals. And Sherwood Stewart and Ferdi Taygan were named double team of the year after winning six doubles titles last year, including the French Open.

NHL standings

Wales Conference						
Patrick Division						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Philadelphia	31 <td>13<td>6</td><td>207</td><td>144</td><td>68</td></td>	13 <td>6</td> <td>207</td> <td>144</td> <td>68</td>	6	207	144	68
N.Y. Isles	25 <td>17<td>8</td><td>182</td><td>145</td><td>58</td></td>	17 <td>8</td> <td>182</td> <td>145</td> <td>58</td>	8	182	145	58
Washington	22 <td>16<td>11</td><td>188</td><td>175</td><td>55</td></td>	16 <td>11</td> <td>188</td> <td>175</td> <td>55</td>	11	188	175	55
N.Y. Rangers	22 <td>20<td>6</td><td>185</td><td>168</td><td>50</td></td>	20 <td>6</td> <td>185</td> <td>168</td> <td>50</td>	6	185	168	50
Pittsburgh	12 <td>28<td>7</td><td>148</td><td>220</td><td>31</td></td>	28 <td>7</td> <td>148</td> <td>220</td> <td>31</td>	7	148	220	31
New Jersey	10 <td>29<td>11</td><td>137</td><td>203</td><td>31</td></td>	29 <td>11</td> <td>137</td> <td>203</td> <td>31</td>	11	137	203	31
Adams Division						
Boston	31 <td>10<td>7</td><td>199</td><td>128</td><td>69</td></td>	10 <td>7</td> <td>199</td> <td>128</td> <td>69</td>	7	199	128	69
Montreal	26 <td>13<td>9</td><td>236</td><td>170</td><td>61</td></td>	13 <td>9</td> <td>236</td> <td>170</td> <td>61</td>	9	236	170	61
Buffalo	23 <td>16<td>9</td><td>183</td><td>155</td><td>55</td></td>	16 <td>9</td> <td>183</td> <td>155</td> <td>55</td>	9	183	155	55
Quebec	22 <td>20<td>6</td><td>203</td><td>199</td><td>50</td></td>	20 <td>6</td> <td>203</td> <td>199</td> <td>50</td>	6	203	199	50
Hartford	12 <td>32</td> <td>5</td> <td>159</td> <td>239</td> <td>29</td>	32	5	159	239	29
Campbell Conference						
Norris Division						
Chicago	30 <td>12<td>7</td><td>212</td><td>168</td><td>67</td></td>	12 <td>7</td> <td>212</td> <td>168</td> <td>67</td>	7	212	168	67
Minnesota	25 <td>14<td>9</td><td>203</td><td>177</td><td>59</td></td>	14 <td>9</td> <td>203</td> <td>177</td> <td>59</td>	9	203	177	59
St. Louis	15 <td>27<td>8</td><td>176</td><td>198</td><td>38</td></td>	27 <td>8</td> <td>176</td> <td>198</td> <td>38</td>	8	176	198	38
Detroit	11 <td>26</td> <td>12</td> <td>149</td> <td>205</td> <td>34</td>	26	12	149	205	34
Toronto	10 <td>26<td>9</td><td>163</td><td>204</td><td>29</td></td>	26 <td>9</td> <td>163</td> <td>204</td> <td>29</td>	9	163	204	29
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	28 <td>14<td>9</td><td>275</td><td>203</td><td>65</td></td>	14 <td>9</td> <td>275</td> <td>203</td> <td>65</td>	9	275	203	65
Winnipeg	20 <td>23</td> <td>5</td> <td>188</td> <td>207</td> <td>43</td>	23	5	188	207	43
Calgary	16 <td>24</td> <td>7</td> <td>200</td> <td>213</td> <td>45</td>	24	7	200	213	45
Vancouver	16 <td>22</td> <td>10</td> <td>174</td> <td>188</td> <td>42</td>	22	10	174	188	42
Los Angeles	16 <td>24</td> <td>7</td> <td>166</td> <td>205</td> <td>39</td>	24	7	166	205	39

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18 Solidarity men get jail terms

WARSAW, Jan. 24 (Agencies) — A military court sentenced 18 former activists of the outlawed Solidarity labor movement to sentences ranging from five months to one year because of continued labor activity, the official Polish news agency PAP reported Sunday.

The defendants, tried in the southern Polish city of Opole, were convicted of "producing and distributing leaflets containing false information likely to foment social disorder and unrest" after the declaration of martial law Dec. 1981, PAP said. A 19th defendant was acquitted, it said.

The sentences were lighter than the stiff prison terms of up to 10 years meted out to hundreds of Solidarity activists last year. The report did not identify the defendants. It said that one activist was sentenced to a year in prison, and that the court had reduced the terms of five others also given a one-year sentence.

Ghana wants transit camps in Nigeria for repatriates

LAGOS, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Ghana Monday asked Nigeria for permission to take over most sports grounds in the Lagos area as transit camps for more than a million Ghanaians being expelled from Nigeria along with all other illegal immigrants, the Ghanaian High Commission said.

The request came a week after the expulsion order of the immigrants — thought to total more than two million — was announced by Nigerian Interior Minister Ali Baba, and a week before the deadline for their departure runs out. The high commission said that the first of a fleet of boats sent to evacuate the Ghanaians by sea arrived in Lagos Sunday night, but it could only take a few hundred passengers.

(Radio Ghana monitored in Lome) said that a number of Ghanaians had arrived in Accra by plane from Lagos, after waiting several days at the airport for a flight.

The repatriation of Ghanaians is complicated by the fact that their own country closed its land borders Sept. 21, in what was said to be an effort to stop smuggling.

The number of Ghanaians illegally in Nigeria is estimated at more than a million by the high commission here and almost two million by Nigerian Foreign Minister Ishaya

Five others were sentenced to between five and ten months in jail, PAP said, and five were sentenced to a year in jail but had their terms suspended during a two-to-three year probationary period. The report said the sentences were subject to appeal, but gave no further details about the case.

Meanwhile, a Polish military court opened proceedings Monday against 10 activists of Warsaw's underground broadcasting station, Radio Solidarity, the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* said. They included Zbigniew Romaszewski, the station's chief organizer, who was captured by security police last summer and his wife Zosia, one of the station's announcers.

The paper said the military court "begins reviewing its indictment against the activists" but did not say what the charges were. Two other men were arrested last June while carrying a portable transmitter which had been

placed on the roofs of tall buildings in central Warsaw. "This was to ensure that broadcasts were heard well in embassies of Western states which relate their contents to foreign correspondents and Polish-language radio station (in the West)," *Trybuna Ludu* said.

Radio Solidarity first went on the air in Warsaw last April and for a time managed to broadcast its program about once a week. Reception was generally poor, however, and many broadcasts were drowned out by interference. Clandestine broadcasts were also heard in other cities including Gdanek, Poznan, Wroclaw and Cracow.

Trybuna Ludu said the idea of the radio station independent of state control emerged among dissidents linked to the Workers Defense Committee (KOR). It named Romaszewski as leading activist of the group.

The newspaper also reported that 18 underground Solidarity activists in the south-west city of Opole were given jail terms from five months to one year for continuing union activity under martial law, including the distribution of anti-state leaflets. Military trials are generally closed to the public and Western newsmen.

30 shot dead as rebels attack Kampala bus

KAMPALA, Jan. 24 (R) — More than 30 persons were killed and 14 were wounded when armed men, believed to be anti-government guerrillas, opened fire on a passenger bus some (42 kms) north of Kampala at the weekend, the newspaper *Uganda Post* said Monday.

The attack took place between the villages of Busura and Kalule on a main road leading to the provincial town of Goulou, the newspaper said. Two weeks ago, another bus was ambushed and seven passengers killed on the same road. In that incident, troops traveling on the bus drove off the attackers killing several men.

Survivors of the latest shooting told *The Uganda Post* that the ambush took place when a passenger asked the driver to stop in an isolated spot between the two villages. The survivors said they had escaped unhurt by hiding under the bus. They said several persons had been taken prisoner and tied up by the attackers but had then been shot by their captors soon afterward.

The survivors said the bus contained only civilians. *The Uganda Post* did not say on which day the attack took place and officials were not available for comment on the incident. The attack was the latest in a series of increasingly bloody incidents in rural Uganda over the past few weeks.

Water workers strike in U.K.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Britain's first-ever national strike of water-workers got under way at mid-night Sunday night, badly disrupting supplies as well as the routine of housewives for whom Monday is traditionally wash day.

Earlier, representatives of 29,000 manual water workers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland rejected a last-minute compromise for a 7.3 percent pay increase. The workers are holding out for 15 percent. The four million residents of south-west England, south Wales and the Manchester region were warned to boil water before drinking to prevent contamination from unfinished work on distribution systems.

Several central England railway stations closed their public toilets to save water. They asked travelers to "make other arrangements" — "inconvenient, certainly but after all this is a critical situation". Householders throughout the country were warned to keep taps well closed, to take showers in preference to baths, and not wash their cars.

And some areas had their water supplies cut, leaving residents with no water supplies except from public fountains.

In southern England, householders were asked not to build up their own stocks of water in case the distribution system was overwhelmed by abnormal demand. London's water authorities said that the country's reservoirs were full with enough water to last for several months.

The defense ministry said that the army was standing by to answer emergency water and sewage calls from local authorities. In recent years, troops have been used to stand in for striking refuse removal, fire and ambulance workers.

Mintoff to get damages from Sun

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP) — Don Mintoff, prime minister of Malta, accepted undisputed damages in the London high court Monday from News Group newspapers over allegations that he planned to bulldoze three cemeteries where thousands of British war dead are buried.

Mintoff had sued alleging libel in a May 1981 editorial published in the tabloid *Sun* newspaper, owned by News Group Newspapers, under the headline "The folly of desperate don." The article claimed Mintoff planned to shift the servicemen's remains to a mass grave.

Indira supporter killed in Assam poll violence

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Pre-election violence in Assam has claimed its first victim, as reports of arson and sabotage continued to pour in from various parts of the northeastern state, heading for controversial assembly elections in mid-February.

The victim was identified as Tikol Gogoi, a proposer for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in the state's Sibsagar district. Indian news agencies reported Monday. He was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants in broad daylight, agencies said.

The army has been called out to guard telecommunication and oil facilities and state-owned radio stations in the state, where native residents are opposing polls as the electoral list contained names of immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal.

Assam protest leaders have been pressing for the explosion and disenfranchisement of the immigrants who constitute about 45 percent of the electorate. Indian newspapers Monday reported several cases of kidnapping of candidates, their proposers or close relatives.

The papers also reported fresh cases of sabotage and arson. At least three post offices, two government warehouses, several dozen road bridges, two railway stations and some government buildings were attacked. A state housing board office, two government jeeps, the residence of a supporter of left wing parties were also hit.

There were a series of bomb attacks and physical assaults on people who were not named but said to be relatives of candidates for the poll. *The Indian Express* newspaper said the state administration was busy plugging the gaps in the security system to allow at least "a semblance of electoral campaigning."

The opposition, except the two Communist parties and some left-wing groups, have boycotted the poll ordered by the central government to end federal rule in the troubled state. The state was brought under New Delhi administration last year after violence and widespread arson threatened security.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party is directly opposed by the six-party left and democratic front.

Shultz to discuss defense, trade during Japan visit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will follow up last week's visit to Washington by Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone by going to Tokyo next weekend for talks on the broad range of issues raised.

U.S. officials said no specific agreements were expected to emerge, but Shultz and Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe would review the complex relationship between their countries and also discuss international issues. The Washington talks, during which Nakasone and President Reagan were said to have established a warm rapport, focused on trade and defense problems between the two countries.

The officials said Shultz was likely to reinforce the twin messages given to Nakasone — that his moves to strengthen Japan's defenses and lift barriers to imports were appreciated but that the Reagan administration wanted more to be done. The trip, the second major foray overseas by Shultz since he became Secretary of State, was planned prior to Nakasone's Washington visit and also includes visits to China, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Firm arrangements for the four-day visit starting Sunday have yet to be made as they depend on the program of Japan's parliament, which opened a new session Monday. While in Washington, Nakasone cemented Japan's alliance with the United States but left the thorny question of easing Japan's

restrictions on beef and citrus fruit imports to working-level discussions.

Abe told the Japanese parliament Monday that in his talks with Shultz, he intended to try to develop relations between the two countries "not only in the settlement of specific issues but also taking care not to lose sight of the positive cooperation between Japan and the United States." Abe and Shultz, who met for the first time last week in Washington, agreed to hold talks at least four times a year.

A U.S. embassy spokesman in Tokyo said the discussions "should be consultations rather than aimed at achieving some results in specific questions."

In international affairs, the two men were expected to review developments in the Middle East, East-West relations, economic relations with the Soviet Union and relations with China. U.S. officials in Washington expressed satisfaction with last week's talks, believing that the Reagan administration had given Nakasone a boost for his trade and defense moves while making clear that it now looked to him to implement his pledges.

Both governments said they opposed protectionist demands in the United States caused by Japan's barriers to imports and its \$20 billion trade surplus with the United States. On defense, the Japanese cabinet has called for a 6.5 percent increase in defense spending but Nakasone's tough line led to opposition pressure in Japan and a Soviet warning of retaliation.

Andrew, Koo may meet in Florida

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP) — Prince Andrew and his actress girlfriend Koo Stark are planning another overseas reunion — this time in the American state of Florida, *The Sun* newspaper reported Monday.

The mass-circulation tabloid said Andrew and Miss Stark "are set for a romantic five days together" when the prince — second son of Queen Elizabeth II — "pays a courtesy call" at Mayport, Florida, next month during a 12-week overseas tour of duty with his naval squadron on board the aircraft carrier *BMS Invincible*.

Andrew, 22, served as a co-pilot of a royal navy Sea King helicopter on *The Invincible* during the 74-day war to regain possession of the Falkland Islands from Argentina last year. Ms. Stark, 26, and Andrew made headlines across the world last October when they spent together an eight-day Caribbean vacation.

The Sun said the ship is due at Mayport from Feb. 18 to 22 on its way on to Belize, Jamaica and Barbados. It said Miss Stark would be visiting her mother "nearby" at the same time. It did not state exactly where. The romance stirred wide publicity after British newspapers revealed Ms. Stark once starred in soft porn movies. She reportedly visited Andrew at Buckingham Palace Saturday night at a farewell party for Andrew before he re-joined *Invincible*. There was no immediate comment from the Buckingham Palace on the reports.

Haughey's leadership of party unchallenged

DUBLIN, Jan. 24 (R) — Ireland's controversial opposition leader Charles Haughey emerged unscathed Sunday night from a crisis meeting of his Fianna Fail Party after an expected leadership challenge failed to emerge.

Parliamentary members of the conservative Fianna Fail met for six hours Sunday to discuss a scandal over bugging and wire-tapping when the party was last in power. It was ousted last year by a coalition of Dr. Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael and Labor.

It was the first of a series of scandals to shake Haughey's administration and many political commentators had predicted that his leadership, which was challenged by a dissident party group last year, could be under threat.

However, party spokesmen said Sunday night the leadership issue was not raised at the meeting although discussions were sometimes "hot and stormy."

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Peking	-1	30	7	45	clear		
Perth	20	68	27	81	clear		
Rio de Janeiro	20	68	32	90	rain		
Rome	-2	28	13	55	clear		
San Francisco	7	45	15	59	rain		
San Juan	23	73	30	86	clear		
Santiago	12	54	26	79	cloudy		
Sao Paulo	12	54	26	79	clear		
Seoul	-2	28	6	43	cloudy		
Singapore	23	73	28	82	rain		
Stockholm	-4	25	6	43	cloudy		
Sydney	21	70	24	75	cloudy		
Taipei	8	46	12	54	rain		
Tokyo	-1	30	11	52	clear		
Toronto	2	36	4	39	rain		

Nujoma arrives in Peking

PEKING, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Namibian nationalist leader Sam Nujoma arrived here Monday for a visit during which he is expected to ask for Chinese military aid for his volunteers who are fighting for independence for the South African-ruled territory.

Nujoma arrived from Addis Ababa, where he spent two days in talks with Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam, to brief him on the liberation struggle in Namibia. He told reporters he was on his way to Peking to seek "war material" to help step up the armed struggle. His South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) is waging against South African troops.

SWAPO currently receives most of its aid from the Soviet Bloc. Nujoma's first visit to China since 1978 comes just a few days after the end of Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang's 11-nation tour of Africa. Zhao met with SWAPO representatives, as well as leaders of the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa, in the Zambian capital of Lusaka in the course of the tour.

Foreign Minister Wu Fuguan, who accompanied Zhao on his trip, said later that China would "give all kinds of support in various ways to the people of those countries (South Africa and Namibia) fighting for liberation."

Nujoma's visit also comes shortly after the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Angola, which borders Namibia to the north and from where SWAPO operates.

There was speculation in diplomatic circles that the visit could lead to the setting up of a SWAPO office in Peking. China might also offer to train SWAPO fighters. With Nujoma on the plane from Addis Ababa was Rwandan Foreign Minister Francois Ngarukiyantwi who, like Nujoma, will visit China for about a week.

32 Moro killers given life term

ROME, Jan. 24 (AP) — An Italian court handed down 32 life sentences Monday in the mass trial of Red Brigades suspects accused of the 1978 kidnapping and murder of former Premier Aldo Moro and other crimes.

Twenty-three of the defendants were accused of kidnapping and murdering Moro and killing his five bodyguards. Moro was abducted here on March 16, 1978 and found dead 55 days later.

The other 40 defendants were charged with 17 murders, 11 attempted murders and four kidnappings. The trial lasted nine months and culminated a year of blows against left-wing terrorism in Italy. Last Jan. 28, police raided a Red Brigades hideout in the northern city of Padua and rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, who had been kidnapped from his home in Verona Dec. 17, 1981.

Several of Dozier's captors, including the leader of the gang, Antonio Savasta, agreed to cooperate with police. The information he and others gave investigators resulted in hundreds of arrests.

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